

Constitution of The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Art. I - Name.

This association shall be called The Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

Art. II - Object.

The objects of this Association shall be self-improvement, mutual help and community work.

Art. III

Section 1. To carry out these objects the club shall be divided into five departments, namely: home and household economics, education and science, philanthropy (sic). art and literature.

Section 2. Each of these four departments shall be in charge of a committee which shall be responsible for the work and the program of its meetings.

Art. IV - Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice-President and Secretary, who shall be elected by ballot each year at the annual meeting.

Section 2. In addition to the usual duties of the above named officers, they shall have power to choose the chairmen of the different departments.

Section 3. The President, Vice-President and Secretary and the chairmen of the departments shall compose the Board of Managers of the Club.

Section 4. The Board of Managers shall conduct all business of the club, shall fill vacancies occurring in its own body, and shall appoint all special and standing committees.

Art.V. Membership.

Section 1. Any woman who is a resident of Palo Alto and vicinity may become a member by signing its constitution and promising to promote its objects.

Section 2. Each person shall pay an admission fee of \$2.00 on entering the Club, and an annual due of \$1.00 payable before January 1st. (Carried)

Section 3. Any who has been absent from the Club for one year may be re-instated by the payment of current dues. (Carried)

Art.VI - Meetings.

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting of the club on the first Wednesday in September of each year, to hear reports of the work of the past year, and to elect officers for the ensuing year; and the newly elected officers shall enter upon their duties on the third Wednesday of the same month.

Section 2. The regular meeting of the club shall be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month and shall be provided for by the chairman of the different departments in the order in which they are named in Article III.

Art. VII - Quorums

Section 1. Twenty members of the club shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers, and for the amendment of the constitution. A majority vote shall be required

for both these purposes.

Section 2. A majority of the Board of Managers shall constitute a Board quorum for all business except filling vacancies which shall not be done in the absence of more than one member of the Board.

Art. VIII

This constitution may be amended at any time by a majority vote of the club quorum, provided due and satisfactory notice of such Amendment be given at least two weeks beforehand.

Adopted June 20th, 1894.

Amend Article III Section 1 adding "Village Improvement" to the list of Departments.
Carried.

Also further amend Article V by adding Section 3 Any who has been absent from the Club for one year may be re-instated by payment of current dues.
Carried.

Amend Article V Section 2 by substituting Each person shall pay an admission fee of \$2.00 on entering the club, and an annual due (sic) of \$1.00 payable before January 1st.
Carried.

AMENDMENTS.

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No. 1.

To Art. IV, Sec. 1 changed to read:

The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice-President at large, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Proposed Aug. 17, 1895, Adopted Sep. 18, 1895.

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No. 2.

To Art. V prefix, - Sec. 1.

Add, - Sec. 2. A fee of one dollar per year, or twenty-five cents per quarter shall be due from each member of the club.

Proposed Nov. 6, 1895. Adopted Nov. 20, 1895.

No. 3.

To Art. III.

Sec. 1 changed to read.- To carry out the objects the club shall be conducted under the management of five departments, namely, - Home and Household Economics, Education and Science, Philanthropy. Art and Literature, and Library.

Sec. 2 changed to read.- each of the four first named departments shall be in charge of a committee which shall be responsible for it's work and for the program of it's meetings.
(sic)

Add - Sec. 3. The Library Department shall be in charge of a committee which shall be responsible for the collection, care, and circulation of the books in the library.

To Art. VI.

Strike out from Sec. 1 from ' ' and to the end.

Add. Sec. 2. At the first regular meeting in May there shall be held an election of officers who shall enter upon their duties at the annual meeting in the following September.

Sec. 2 becomes Sec. 3.

Proposed Jan. 7, 1897. Adopted Feb. 17, 1897.

No. 4.

To Article VI.

Strike out from Sec. 1 'and to elect' to end.

Add 'At the first regular meeting in May there shall be an election of officers who shall enter upon their duties at the annual meeting in the following September.'

Sec. 2 becomes Sec. 3.

Proposed January 7, 1897. Adopted Feb. 17, 1897.

No. 6.

To Article 7, Sec. 1 --changed to read:

Eleven members of the Club shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers, and for the amendment of the Constitution.

A majority vote shall be required for both these purposes.

Proposed January 19th, 1898,

Adopted February 2nd 1898.

No. 7

Our initiation fee of two dollars per year shall be due from new members after Sept. 21st, 1898.

Proposed April 20, 1898

Adopted May 4, 1898.

No. 5

The time of Annual Meeting changed to third Wednesday in Sept.

Adopted - Nov. 17, 1898.

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Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

June 1894 to August 1894

No. of board meetings: 10

Board: Mmes. E.L. Campbell, Pres., M.B.Culver, V. Pres., A.G. Warner, Sec.
D.L. Sloan, Hoskins, A. Zschokke and Murray

Departments and Chairs

Home: Mrs. D.L. Sloan
Education: Mrs. Hoskins

Philanthropy: Mrs. S. P.Zschokke
Art & Literature: Mrs. Murray

Fund Raising

Endorsed Cantata, "The Flower Queen." Club to share in profits (Sept. 5)

Organization

Club Goal: To do practical work of members and community. Constitution to be drawn up. Constitution adopted and signed by 24 members. (July 13,20)

Action/Events

Supported "The Friendly Woodyard" self-help for tramps (Sept.19)
Collected clothing for Philanthropy committee and Employment Agency noted
work available pitting apricots at Hoskins." (July 11)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Mrs. Gleason spoke on starting a class on Physical Culture for health. (July 11)
Miss Schallenburger spoke on Children's Rights-discussed punishment. (July 11)
Miss Clausen spoke on "Block Island and its People." (Aug.1)
Dr. Warner spoke on "The best way to deal with tramps." (Aug.15)

Palo Alto, June 13, 1894.

Pursuant to a call for a general meeting of the ladies of Palo Alto. Quite a number met Wednesday, June 13.

Minutes of the last W.C.T.U. meeting read and approved. Moved that Mrs. M. G. Campbell act as temporary chairman.

The Committee appointed a draft a plan whereby a Palo Alto Woman's Club could be organized read its report which was accepted.

During the discussion which followed it was made clear that th club was to do practical work of its members and the community.

Carried, that the committee appointed at the last meeting add two to their number and be empowered to draw up a Consitution and to make nominations for officers and report at the next meeting.

Adjourned to June 20.

Mrs. A. P. Zschokke

Sec'y.

June 20th, 1894.

Meeting called to order by the chairman, Mrs. M. G. Campbell. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The complete report of the Constitutional Committee was read, and the Articles were then read and adopted seriatim. Mrs. Shattucks Manual of Parliamentary Law was spoken of as the authority for the club. Laid on the Table.

The Constitution was then voted upon and adopted as a whole. Signed by twenty-four of those present.

The following nominees selected by the committee were elected by accamation -

Pres. Mrs. E. L. Campbell.

V. Pres. Mrs. M. B. Culver.

Sec'y. Mrs. A. G. Warner.

The president made a stirring address, congratulating Palo Alto upon being no longer a sort of half-orphan but now having both city fathers and mothers, thus ensuring a prosperous future, a nurturing of its spiritual and refining issues as well as its material welfare.

The V. President spoke in earnest terms of her willingness to do her best in fulfilling the duties of her office. Mrs. Zschokke was elected Secretary pro tem. Adjourned.

A Board meeting was held at which the following heads of departments wee elected. Home Mrs. D. L. Sloan. Education, Mrs. Hoskins, Philanthropy, Mrs. Zschokke, Art and Literature, Mrs. Murray.

Mrs. A. P. Zschokke, Sec'y pro tem.

Palo Alto, July 11th, 1894.

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of the previous meeting read and

approved. The Philanthropies Committee reported that a room was now ready for the storing of articles of wearing apparel and c. that parties may wish to contribute to the use of the club. The Manager of the Employment Agency stated that there was work at pitting apricots at Hopkins place; Miss Wasson kindly favored the club with a solo.

The President announced that Mrs. Clark Gleason wished to form classes in Physical Culture. Mrs. Gleason spoke of her method, its benefits and that it required no apparatus nor special dress.

Miss Margaret Schallenberger was introduced and spoke on Children's Rights. She made clear that Mothers ought to study their children more, to get at the child's point of view. The statistics had been collected from the replies of 3000 school children and the results were interestingly described.

Discussion followed on the punishment of children.

A vote of thanks was extended to Miss Schallenberger.

Adjourned.

Mrs. A.P. Zschokke

Sec'y pro tem.

August 1, 1894

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

The President spoke of the Question Box and its advantages. It was voted to place one in the vestibule of the church before the next meeting.

Under new business the desirability of changing the day of meeting from Wednesday to Saturday was discussed and finally laid on the table.

Miss Rose Clauser was introduced and spoke on "Block Island and its People."

The President announced that Mrs. Shattucks rules of order were 55 cts. and desired the names of all who wished copies.

Adjourned

Mrs. A.P. Zschokke Sec'y pro tem.

August 15, 1894

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Dr. Warner was introduced and spoke on "the best way to deal with tramps." There are four ways to deal with tramps: 1. Treat him as a criminal and punish him; 2. Send him on to the next community. 3. Give him what he asks without reserve. 4. Give him relief in work. This is the only method suitable for the individual householder, and is at best only a choice of evils. It is a great annoyance to the individual, and allows the man to drift so he may remain many days in the same community. What we need is an organization which may consist of only a man and a woodpile, where all applicants for relief may be referred, the work test applied and careful investigation made of the applicants real need. Such an organization is in contemplation in connection with the Y.M.C.A.

A discussion followed.

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Annual Summary

September 1894 to August 1895

No. of board meetings:

Board/members: Mmes. E.L. Campbell, Pres., M. Culver, V-Pres.; C. Warner, Sec.;
F. Stearns, C.D. Decker, Corbet, Clara Southard, A. Zschokke, A.
Thompson,
G.R. Parkinson and Miss Brothers.

Departments and Chairs

Home: Mrs. D.L. Sloan
Education: Mrs. Hoskins

Philanthropy: Mrs. Zschokke
Art & Literature: Mrs. Murray

Fund Raising

Endorsed Cantata, "The Flower Queen." Club to share in profits (Sept 5)
Philanthropic Day to be in form of a high tea (Mar. 2, Apr. 6 and 20))
Sold coffee, tea and sandwiches at 4th of July celebration. Raised \$12.35 (July 6))

Organization

Meetings held in the Presbyterian church (May 18)

Action/Events

Supported "The Friendly Woodyard" self-help for tramps (Sept. 19)
Resolution advocating a sewerage system for Palo Alto (Mar 2)
Vote of thanks to the Improvement club for "beautifying the town." (May 4)
Resolution opposing chirivari (May 18 and June 1)
Question of supporting the Progressive League (May 18)
Opposed the early closing of stores in Palo Alto (Nov. 21)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Mrs. Campbell spoke on "The Ancient History of Strikes" (Sept. 5)
Miss Shinn spoke on Child Study (Sept. 19)
Prof. Mary Barnes spoke on Havelock Ellis' book, Man and Woman. (Oct.3)
Dr. Florence Grier spoke on "Human Skin and Hair." (Oct. 27)
Miss Sarah Hamlin spoke on "The Women of India." (Nov. 7)
Mrs. Ida Harper spoke on "Household Co-operation." (Nov. 21)
Dr. Ross spoke on "The Woman Question." (Dec. 5)
Dr. Jordan spoke on "Fool Killer." (Dec. 15)
Miss Severance spoke on "Why Women should Vote" (Jan. 16)
Miss Holbrook spoke on Hull House (Jan. 30)
Prof. Clark spoke on Household & Domestic Architecture (Mar. 2)
Miss Severance spoke on "Home"--women's need for knowledge and WCTU,
Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention. (Mar. 16)
Prof. Jenkins spoke on "Nutrition." (Apr. 6)
Rev. Eliza Tupper-Wilkes spoke on "Women's Club." (May 4)
The President spoke on the work of Miss Susan B. Anthony who is here attending
the Women's Congress in San Francisco (May 18)
Prof. Mary Roberts-Smith spoke on "The Effect of Competition on Dometic Help"
including jobs open to women from 1837 to 1890. (June 1)
Mrs. Hall spoke on her work among the Indians of Arizona. (July 6)

Adjourned Cora F. Warner, Sec'y.

Sept. 5", 1894

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Zschokke brought up the matter of a cantata, the Flower Queen, to be given by Mr. Mills. The club to endorse the project and share the proceeds. A motion to that effect was carried.

Mrs. Campbell spoke of the Parliamentary rules to be ordered for the club, and the Secretary was instructed to order one dozen copies.

The Friendly Woodyard was discussed and a motion to endorse and support the project was carried.

Owing to the absence of Mrs. Toomy who was announced to speak on the Labor Question and the Home, Mrs. Campbell kindly consented to fill the gap by a talk on the Ancient History of strikes, showing that the organization of labor was as old as the race.

Adjourned

Cora F. Warner, Sec'y.

September 19, 1894.

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Friendly Woodyard was again discussed and further explained. After considerable discussion by the members another vote was taken to endorse and support by sending it to all applicants for relief.

Miss M. Shinn was introduced and spoke on "Child Study." People approach the study of children with an idea that there exists some science of the subject, but it is only a rudimentary science, a compound of physiology, psychology, and pedagogies. Plato suggested that light could be thrown on the subject by the study of the child himself, but it is only recently that that has been done. Taine and Darwin published the record of their babies, but Prof. Preyer was the first to reduce the matter to any scientific basis. The subject divides itself into four periods; Embryology, psychogenesis, the study of school children, and adolescence. The chief value to the Mother is that the child may be surrounded by those influences best calculated to help the child when he grows up and its value to the evaluationist lies in the fact that the story of the child's development may in some sense repeat the history of the race. A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Shinn.

Carried that the Committee on Programs prepare and present to the club at its next meeting some programs which should include work done by the members themselves.

Adjourned. Cora F. Warner, Sec'y.

October 3" 1894.

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Owing to the fact that Miss Hamlin of San Francisco who was to have spoken on Women of India was so unfortunate as to miss her train, Prof. Mary S. Barnes kindly consented to fill her place. She spoke most interestingly of Havelock Ellis recent book "Man and Woman". An interesting discussion followed.

The Committee on program reported that it had seemed advisable to devote the first half hour of the club to the discussion of current topics. Report adopted.

Adjourned.

Cora F. Warner, Sec'y.

October 17, 1894.

Meeting called to order by the President. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The first half hour was devoted to the discussion of the war between China and Japan in which a number of the members took part.

Mr. Miller of the Friendly Woodyard spoke of the work it had been doing during the last few weeks. Contributions of castoff clothing and old shoes were solicited, as many of those applying were in need of real help.

Dr. Florence Grier was then introduced and spoke on the Human Skin and Hair, telling of ways in which we could beautify ourselves and become stronger by the proper care of the skin.

Adjourned.

Cora F. Warner, Sec'y.

November 7, 1894.

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Miss Sarah D. Hamlin of San Francisco was introduced and gave a most interesting lecture on the Women of India.

We are accustomed to think of the Women of India as downtrodden, but with the exception of the child widows, they are as content and happy as any women in the world. From the Hindu point of view they are as well educated as any women, but their civilization is the very antipodes (sic) of ours. While Warren Hastings proposed the establishment of schools in India the Christian missionaries were the first to do anything toward education along our lines. There are now many government schools for girls and also Zenana <?> visiting and home classes for married women are conducted by philanthropic women.

Girls are not desired in Indian homes. There is great fear they will bring the curse of the gods down on their families by early widowhood. The only reason for existence for a Hindu woman is to be married and be the mother of sons. The hope of education lies in the child widows. They devote their lives to study as they can never marry again and education has a most ennobling effect on them and they are becoming the saviors of Hindu society.

Adjourned, Cora F. Warner, Sec'y.

November 21" 1894.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Campbell the meeting was called to order by the Vice

President Mrs. Culver. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Ida Harper was introduced.

She kindly consented to repeat her paper on Household Co-operation which was read originally before the Household Science Club of the University.

The early history of efforts to co-operate among men were outlined, and the failure of most of them noted. Profit-sharing had been more successful than co-operation. Women had been able to organize and co-operate successfully for reform, and it remained to be proved whether they could also co-operate for revenue.

In comparing the modern method of keeping house with that of our grandmothers, it was seen how already co-operation enters largely into the home and takes out of it much of the hardest work. But in spite of this relief the demands made upon the modern woman are of a different nature from those made upon her grandmother, and in order to meet these demands and yet not neglect her family there must be further relief.

There may be methods of co-operation worked out which shall satisfy some people just as some are now satisfied by boarding, but Mrs. Harper does not believe that the solution of our domestic problems is to come by taking the kitchen out of our homes, but rather by bringing into it trained service and laborsaving devices. If the one agent of electricity could be brought into the kitchen, if housework were made clean and attractive, we might hope to see more girls of intelligence willing to make of it a profession. Finally a woman ought not to expect relief from all the drudgery of life. It is the price she ought to be willing to pay for enjoying the blessings of home and family. A discussion followed.

The question of early closing of stores in Palo Alto was discussed and Mrs. Zschokke was appointed as a committee of one and empowered to choose her assistants to confer with the businessmen and see what could be done.

Adjourned, Cora F. Warner, Sec'y.

December 5, 1894.

The meeting was called to order by the President. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Ross was introduced and spoke on the Woman question.

The question of what woman shall do and have, or not do and have involves her civil social political and moral rights. One of the primary rights of woman is the right not to marry. It used to be the case that to marry was the only way for a woman to earn her living. But if she has the right not to marry unless she wants to, she must also have the right to earn a living, to enter industry. This involves a right to fit herself for her work, to enter Universities and professional schools, to be measured by the same standards as men and to receive equal pay for equal work.

For the married woman there is a whole list of rights:

To the sacredness of her person, to equal control over the children, to hold property independently, to divorce on the same grounds as man. To be judged by the same standard, not to lower woman's standard but to raise that for men.

The house and home keeper has the right to simplify her work so that she may be mistress of her home and not its slave.

It is really public opinion which prevents woman from doing what she wants to

instead of any lack of political rights. But the ballot is a most powerful lever in obtaining the privileges she should enjoy. With the ballot she obtains recognition, when with the petition she encounters only rebuffs.

A discussion followed in which many interesting questions connected with womans financial place in the home and c.- were discussed.

Moved and carried that the club hold a special meeting on Saturday December 15, to listen to Dr. Jordan on the "Fool Killer".

The President announced that on Wednesday December 19, she would receive the ladies and their friends at her home on Forest Avenue, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Adjourned, Cora F. Warner, Sec'y.

January 16th, 1895

Meeting called to order by the President.

Miss Severance was introduced and gave a talk on "Why Women Should Vote." The talk was excellent in every way. The attendance was slight because of stormy weather. A board meeting was called at close of the meeting. Mrs Corbert was elected as member of the board: she chose the department in which she should work.

Mrs. Stearns was elected Secretary.

Adjourned, Mrs. Zschokke

Sec'y pro tem.

January 30th, 1895.

The meeting was called to order by the President. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was moved and carried that the time of meeting should be changed from the first and third Wednesdays to the first and third Saturdays of the month. The matter of having a temperance meeting in the near future was discussed, but any action was deferred.

Miss Holbrook of Chicago was then introduced, and gave amost interesting address on the Hull House, of which she has been a resident for the past two years.

Several questions were asked by the members of the Club, then Mrs. Campbell gave an interesting account of her visit to Hull House. After thanking Miss Holbrook for her very entertaining address, the Club adjourned to meet the third Saturday of February.
Florence C. Stearns, Sec.

February 16, 1895.

The Club met and was called to order by the Pres. Minutes read and approved. There being so few ladies present Prof. Clark, who was to deliver a lecture on architecture, very kindly consented to come at another time, when more might have the benefit of his lecture. After discussing the matter of postponing the lecture, the Club adjourned to meet March 2nd. A Board meeting was called after adjournment.

Florence C. Stearns, Sec.

Copied. Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec. Pro tem.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **March 2nd 1895.**

Regular Meeting.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the usual time and place. President called -- to order and suspending all business. for the hour, introduced Prof. Clark of Stanford University who

addressed the Club on what he said, might be termed "Household or Domestic Architecture", exhibiting, as he proceeded, sketches or plans exhibiting the points he wished to emphasize. The lecture proved exceedingly interesting and merited the thanks of those present, as voiced by the President.

At the close of the lecture business was taken up and a set of resolutions, relating to the necessity of a sewerage system for Palo Alto, was discussed and adopted. These resolutions to be printed in the Palo Alto Times, also a copy to be presented to the Trustees.

They are as follows: viz:

Resolutions Relating to Sewerage

Whereas the Town of Palo Alto has, in this year of our Lord, 1895, a population of more than one thousand persons, and is entirely without provision for the carrying away of sewage; and

Whereas the whole water supply of the community is drawn from well below the level of the cesspools which serve all the families of the town; and

Whereas such conditions bring with them the utmost danger of fatal epidemics which in more than one similar instance have swept off half the inhabitants of such towns by death; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, whose membership consists of the mothers, wives, and daughters of the citizens of the town, realizes its share of the responsibility for the public health, and desires to give its best aid towards removing these sources of danger; and it is further

Resolved, That we, as members of this Club, most respectfully urge upon the Trustees of the Town of Palo Alto to submit immediately to the voters of Palo Alto the question of issuance of bonds sufficient in amount for the construction of a system of sewerage, adequate to the present, and commensurate with the prospective needs of the town; and

Resolved, further, That the voters are also hereby appealed to, to vote for the same whenever the question shall be submitted to their suffrages by the Trustees; Finally

Resolved That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Trustees of Palo Alto and that they be published in the columns of the Palo Alto Times.

No further business, meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Clara O. Southard. Sec. pro tem.

Executive meeting.

Meeting of Executive Board on same date, five members present. The purpose of meeting being to help each other to see what we may do to make each woman more responsible as to the work of the Club.

It was suggested to arouse some social life and, to aid this, it was moved that the meeting on April 20th, "Philanthropic" day, be in the form of a "high tea." This was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Southard who had been serving as Sec. pro tem. was proposed as Secretary of the Club.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Clara O. Southard Sec. pro tem.

Regular meeting.

Palo Alto Cal. **March 16th, 1895**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Club was held at the usual time and place, the President presiding.

Minutes of the past meeting were read and approved.

Miss Sarah M. Severance of College Park, who was present by invitation of the Committee for the Home and Household Economics department was introduced as the speaker of the afternoon. Her topic was "Home".

The first showed that Club life benefits woman, hence necessarily, the home. First, it teaches women to better understand each other, and the needs of woman; then they are not so likely to blame all women for what one does. Again the Club brings together women of different tastes, attrition is good. We cannot make the best of ourselves unless we meet others, all need society. Women need knowledge; knowledge of evil as well as of good that they may guard against it.

Mothers, especially, need this, else how can they detect the signs of evil and protect their children from it? The Club assists them in this by taking them from the quiet of their own homes and bringing them in contact with those who go about.

At the close of the address Miss Severance gave a message to the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, from the President of Santa Clara Co. giving notice of the Convention to be held at Saratoga April 25th; urging them, though merged in the Woman's Club, to keep their own organization sufficiently to enable them to send delegates to the conventions, thus helping the County and themselves as well. The invitation was extended to those not identified with the W.C.T.U.

The Chairman of Education and Science department announced that Prof.

Jenkins of Stanford University, would address the Club at the next meeting, subject "Nutrition." Meeting then adjourned.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec. pro tem.

Executive meeting.

A meeting of the Executive Board as called at the close of the regular meeting, five members present. It was decided to have the meeting of April 20th in the form of a social or "High Tea." that the members may discuss informally plans for helping each other to see what may be done to rouse an interest among the women, that the Club may do more for the good of the Community.

Mrs. Southard was elected Secretary of the Club to serve at the Annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Regular meeting.

Palo Alto Cal. **April 6th 1895.**

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, the President presiding. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and accepted; also those of the Executive of same date. At this point Prof. Jenkins of Stanford University was introduced and addressed the Club and as he said, gave an "informal talk" on "Nutrition." An abstract of which is as follows.

He said very little was known about it. We know that food, taken into the stomach, goes through certain processes, but how a certain process, but how a certain part becomes muscle, another nerve, another bone etc. and a part goes out of the body as waste is involved in a mechanism very complicated and very difficult to understand. He spoke of the three different groups into which, to the chemist, all food is formed, and the Juices that act upon these. One kind of food requires a longer time to digest than another, but that is no reason for not eating it.

The human body has for ages and ages been accustomed to this process of digestion and assimilation, and this digestive apparatus, like all the muscles, must be exercised lest it waste away.

He touched upon the "synthesis of these products", animal and vegetable, which improves our digestion, but expressed a belief that it would never be used, generally, as food. As to how much to eat it was impossible to state, the normal appetite being the only guide.

Though certain individuals have brought the matter to such a fine point as to be able to tell exactly what it is that hurts them, potato, onion or pepper, the Prof. thinks that, knowing that there are liquids present in the body which will digest these different foods, we need not be alarmed about our eating, fearing that the "potato cabbage or pepper which our appetite craves, may make life a burden."

However, this analysis of food is of great use. It is a matter of consequence to the government as regards the feeding of the army which is a great expense. By means of it the most economical food is obtained, that is food which gives the men the greatest power of endurance.

At the close the President tendered the thanks of the Club both for the "Talk" and also for the happy way in which he had replied to the numerous questions.

Resuming business, the action of the Executive in voting to have a "High Tea" on April 20th, Philanthropic day, was ratified, by a motion to have such a tea, with musical and literary program, which was seconded and carried. The matter was left in the hands of the Committee for that day.

Notice was received that the W.C.T.U. of Mayfield would meet April 11th at Mrs. Perry's in College Terrace, for reorganization and election of officers. The work to be on educational lines, especially among the children of the Public Schools. An invitation was extended to the Palo Alto Contingent to unite with them. No further business, meeting adjourned.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **April 20th, 1895**

The "High Tea" proved a success socially. The decorations in the church, by the your ladies, were very artistic: the device for obtaining funds viz. the "Woman's Club", together with the Thymes, was very unique, and through its means one dollar and 30/100 (\$1.30) was collected. The remarks by Rev. Mr. Nicholas, Dr. Charles, Mrs. Hutchinson and Mrs. Greer were commendatory of the course of the Club. Miss Holbrook spoke of the Woman's Club in connection with "Hull House." She was invited to address the Club at its next meeting. Songs by Mrs. Thoburn and Miss Bauter added much to the pleasure of the afternoon.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Regular Meeting
Palo Alto, Cal. **May 4, 1895**

The Club held its regular semi-monthly meeting at the usual time and place, the President presiding. Minutes of April 6, were read and accepted, also report of "High Tea" of April 20. Mrs. Mitchell moved that the Club extend a vote of thanks to the members of the Improvement Club, for their enterprise, zeal and success in beautifying the town. This was seconded and carried unanimously. The question of continuing the club meetings through the summer was brought up but laid over till next meeting for action.

The meeting was addressed by Rev. Eliza Tupper-Wilkes of the First Unitarian Church of Oakland. Her topic was "Woman's Clubs." She said they were in no sense an achievement but a prophesy; the worst case to make of them is as a mutual admiration society as has been done. That they are needed is an advertisement to the world that women have not yet found their place.

Until this is accomplished, and men and women stand on the same place in our meetings, Woman's Clubs will be a necessity as a means-to-an end.

Separate clubs are a training school for women. In these they hear their own voices, learn executive ability and gain experience. Yet such clubs are one-sided, disjointed affairs.

As the mother of 2(?) children she spoke from experience when she said that Mothers needed relief from their home duties, hence she would not have the club be a Mother's meeting, but a meeting of mothers: a place where they should not hear so much of their own duties but some thing of the duties of fathers if need be, but particularly of outside things, of literature, science, art, that they might take home with them some thoughts to brighten the daily routine, then we should have fewer morbid emotions.

In the Woman's Club of Chicago it is not the Woman who dresses the best, nor the most beautiful woman who is asked to prepare a paper, but the one who can do it the best. This club does not hesitate to express its sincere disapproval of a weak effort.

Woman must get over this love of approval, working together to help each other to a higher plane, not caring so much how a thing is done, but is it worth the doing (giving?). In just so much as there is -- of thinking and of living, just so much are woman's clubs helpful to women.

In a new town like Palo Alto, if dark corners appear, such as are found in other places, they should be attended to at once. Begin right in these matters, and not -- out but -- out every evil thing that comes here. A

Woman's Club is the place to begin, in that all are interested that there is not one neglected woman.

Referring again to the Womans Club of Chicago, Mrs. Wilkes spoke of the women paid by that club to be present at the Police Court when a woman is to be tried. She is a regular member of the police force. There is also a woman at every station. She mentioned the protective Committee of that Club and told several instances where it had assisted young girls to get their pay from employers who had refused it. It is not man's work nor woman's work, but human work of which it is best to speak.

At the close of the address a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Wilkes, and the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Palo Alto, **May 18th, 1895**

The members of the Club assembled as usual, for the semi-monthly meeting but found the Church closed for repairs. Mrs. Decker very kindly offered the use of one of her spacious rooms. The offer was accepted with many thanks and an adjournment immediately made thereto. The President called to order and the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Under unfinished business, the question of adjournment for the summer was discussed. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that the meetings be continued throughout the summer. This was seconded by Mrs. Field, discussed in all its bearings?, and carried unanimously.

During the discussion suggestions were made as to what the Club should do: among these was the thought that a parliamentary drill would be instructive, and useful, also that more social life and the better acquaintance of the members was desirable. The result was a motion by Mrs. Decker? which was seconded by Mrs. Corbert and carried, that, during the summer, one meeting each month should assume the form of a social and be held at the homes of different members.

New Business - **Resolution Opposing the "Chirivari".**

In anticipation of events to occur in the near future, and in view of the well substantiated report that there would be celebrated by the "Chirivari", Mrs. Rosebrook offered the following resolution, viz.

that though a moving(?) and all proper expressions of good will on these happy occasions, the sentiment of this club is most decidedly against the "Chirivari" in all its forms.

This was seconded by Mrs. Zschokke and adopted. Mrs. Zschokke moved that a committee be appointed to wait upon those in authority in the town to secure their aid in prohibiting the "Chirivari." Seconded and carried. Committee appointed Mrs. Zschokke and Mrs. Corbet.

The question of the Club announcing itself ready to assist the newly-formed Progressive League of Palo Alto was discussed at some length, but no action taken.

In the absence of Miss Holbrook who had been expected to address the meeting, the President gave a resume of the work of Susan B. Anthony, who is now on the Coast attending the Woman's Congress in San Francisco. She touched particularly upon the difference between the reception given Miss Anthony now and that of forty years ago; closing her remarks with a wish that the members of the Club might each have the pleasure of meeting this noted woman when she came to Stanford University.

Prof. Mary(?) Roberts-Smith, it was announced, would address the next meeting of the Club, and the meeting was adjourned.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Regular Meeting. Palo Alto, Ca. **June 1st, 1895.**

The Club met in the Sunday School room of the Presbyterian Church, at the usual time, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of the past meeting were read and accepted after correction.

Unfinished Business.

Committee, appointed to wait upon the town officers in regard to the "Chirivari" reported that, in order that the officers act there should first be a complaint entered in due form, there being none in this case, no action could be taken.

That everything which might be in readiness another time, the committee was continued with instructions to become thoroughly informed on the proper action to be taken.

At this point Professor Roberts-Smith was introduced. Her topic?, as announced, was "The Effect of Competition on Domestic Service."

The speaker first defined competition, its --, as among , is the cause the price to fall, among others? to cause it to rise. Free competition always works this way, unless modified by ignorance, habit, or personal devotion. Domestic service is no exception. It is a business relation first, and personal one afterward.

Examples were here given to illustrate her meaning. Then its competition with other employments. In 1837 there were only seven (7) employments open to women; in 1888 - 343.

In 1870 the census gave 1,836,288 working women, one half in domestic service;

in 1880 - 2,647,157, one third in domestic service;

in 1890, 3,000,000, one fourth in domestic service.

Why is this? They have gone into other employments not because they are better paid, as proved by statistics, the average wages of 17,427

women bring \$5.68

average expenditure 5.50

Margin .18

In domestic service the average wages equal \$3.23, plus board, lodging and washing.

It is because of social, economic, and personal reasons. These reasons having been given in replies returned on blanks sent out for that purpose. All domestics within reach the Prof. of History at "Vassar" in 1890.

Under social are classified

1- pride, social condition, unwillingness to be called servants

2- bad character of some servants on others

3- lack of consideration of some mistresses

4- receive no encouragement

5- want of companionship, lonely, alone

6- economic

1- irregular hours, confinement

2- no independence

3- too hard

4- hours too long

5- can't live at home

6- too few privileges

7- constant change in work

8- very dirty

9- no chance for promotion

10- unskilled women go into it

11- want of suitable utensils

12- no directness of contract

Personal

1- do not like housework

2- do not know how to do it

3- different

The remedies to be applied to these complaints "must fit the actual situation, no some imaginary one." Touching lightly the social, and omitting the personal reasons, both of which are so readily understood, the speaker stated as a remedy for economic difficulties that there ought to be definite and regular hours as in other employments; that wages be graded according to skill increased with number of years of service; especially should these be definite contract, duties, hours and wages clearly defined, "privileges" also. What should be expected in case of damange, or breakage of articles used. There should be convenience and comfort in the kitchen with labor-saving appliances, as many as possible.

The employer's , from the same authority, is that "the reasons that apparently weigh most heavily against domestic service as an occupation are the industrial and social conditions under which it it performed."xxx". The belief is sometimes forced upon one that in no other occupation have so many and with varied measures of relief been proposed after so slight a diagnosis of the cause."

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In conclusion the statement was made that, "this much is evident to one who studies the problem in the light of industrial experience -- the custom of domestic service cannot be maintained unless the housekeeper can outbid, and not in money alone, her competitors for woman's labor."

At the close of the address, a vote of thanks was given Prof. Smith, a motion of Mrs. Dagan(X), which was seconded.

The club was invited to hold the first of its summer socials at the residence of the President, June 15th.

Adj. Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Social and business meeting at Mrs. Campbell's.

Palo Alto, Cal, **June 15th, 1895.**

Members of the Club and friends, about thirty, met at Mrs. Campbell's. A short business session was called. It was moved and seconded that the Woman's Club bid for the privilege of selling coffee, tea, and sandwiches and lemonade at the 4th of July celebration grounds. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dagan(X) handed the names of the Committees to the President who read them. read repeatedly for the benefit of late comers.

Moved and seconded that we offer twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for the privilege of selling. Carried unanimously.

Then a committee retired to prepare the tea, and Miss Holbrook addressed us.-- Miss Holbrook was given a vote of thanks. Tea was served and a social

hour enjoyed.

Adjourned, to meet at the Church July 6th.

Mrs. A.P.Zschokke, Sec. pro tem.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **July 6th, 1895.** Regular meeting.

Club met at usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of Past meeting were read and approved.

Under unfinished business report was made of the success of the 4th of July, business venture, Mrs Mitchell, Chairman. Receipts were \$23.05 Expenses viz. privilege of selling on picnic grounds etc. ----\$10.70, leaving a balance of \$12.35.

The President thanked the members for the very efficient help rendered. Mrs. Sloan reported a case of need and moved that a Committee be appointed to attend to it. Motion carried and Mrs. Sloan appointed Chairman of a Committee to be selected by herself.

Mrs. Howard J. Hall of Arizona was then introduced who spoke of her year's work among the Indians, the Pimas and Papagois (?). These were formerly one tribe speaking one language, but the Papagois followed the Jesuit fathers, are found in Old Mexico, and are so like the Mexicans that it is difficult to tell one from the other.

The school, in which Mrs. Hall is engaged, was established six years ago under the supervision of the Presbyterian Board, has been assisted by the U.S.Government until last year, since then it has been carried on by the Board, only at the opening there were thirty pupils increasing to two hundred, among them a certain proportion of adults, fathers and mothers who did not wish their children to be different from themselves, as they would naturally be from attending the school.

The difference between those who have attended school and those who have not, is seen in the building and furnishing of their houses, in this they imitate the white people, and in their manner of living which approaches the ways of civilization. Three of the boys, among the students, have become evangelists, working among their own people.

Though the work is not all -- out, there is every encouragement to continue it.

At the close a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker and the meeting adjourned. Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

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Palo Alto Cal., **July 27th, 1895.**

Mid-Summer Social at Mrs. Decker's.

The mid-summer social of the Club was held at the residence of Mrs. C.W. Decker, about thirty five members and friends present. The entertainment committee, Mrs. Corbert, Chairman, presented a very pleasing program.

Piano solo Mrs. Price(?); vocal solos by Mrs. Thobum and Miss Mabel Toumey. The decorations throughout the house were very tasteful but the refreshment room as a bower of beauty in green, and shades of red, from amid the green, the "Stars and Stripes" "Old Glory" shown forth.

Many new names were added to the Club register, and a record left for the "Scrap Book" of the hostess.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Regular Meeting, Palo Alto, Cal. **Aug. 3, 1895**

Regular meeting of the Club was held at the usual time and place. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Zschokke served as president, pro tem. On motion of Mrs. Corbert, which was seconded, the reading of the minutes of last regular meeting, July 6th, also report of social, July 27th, were omitted. It was stated the "case of need" reported at last meeting had been attended to, but that it might be well to look after it still further.

There not being sufficient number present for presentation of the business relating to the Annual meeting, Mrs. Corbert moved, seconded by Mrs. Southard, that when we adjourn it be to two weeks from this day, and that especial pains be taken to ensure for that date Prof. Briggs(?) (who had been advertised to today) and advertise it well. Motion carried. This to conflict with the Aug. social, for that date, a reconsideration was moved, and after a lengthy discussion, the motion by Dr. Pillsbury that the matter of combining social and business meeting, also place of meeting be left with president and secretary, was seconded and carried. President stated that the special business was in regard to manner of nominations; the election of three additional vice-presidents; addition of music department, and change of day of meeting to Wednesday.

Palo Alto, Cal. **Aug. 17th, 1895**

Adjourned meeting and social.

An adjourned meeting of the Club was held at the residence of Mrs. Parkinson, in connection with the Aug. social. Twenty five members and five friends present; The Vice-president, Mrs. Culver, presiding. Minutes of last two regular meetings were read and accepted, also report of the mid-summer social at Mrs. Decker's. The special business being to arrange for the annual meeting, the first item noted was the manner of nominating of officers. Mrs. Zschokke moved, seconded by Mrs. J. F. Parkinson, that a

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Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

September 1895 to August 1896

No. of board meetings:

Board/members: Mmes. M.G.Campbell, Pres.; M.B.Culver, V-P at large
C. Southard, Sec.; H.Mitchell, Treas.; F.Taylor, Ladies Aid;
Dr. Pillsbury, Ladies Circle; and Miss Alworth, V-P Ladies Guild.

Departments

Home and Economics Mrs. Hutchinson Education and Science: Mrs. J. Parkinson
Philanthropy: Mrs. Zschokke Literature and Arts: Mrs. A. Corbert

Finanaces

Balance in Treasury is \$29.60 with discussion on annual assessments (Mar. 18)
Dues collected \$3.25. (May 21)

Fund Raising

Book Social (Mar. 18, Apr. 1); Dues: 25 cts. per quarter (Nov. 6);
Social .25 admission (Nov. 6)

Organization

Meetings held in the parlor of Palo Alto Hotel & Presbyterian Church (Feb. 19, Mar. 18)

Action/Events

Welcome Home party for Mrs. Campbell (Oct. 16)
Assisted in Rose Carnival in San Jose (Mar. 18, Apr. 1, 15)
Building a Club hall (Apr. 1)
Supported Suffrage Convention at Redwood (May 13, 21)
Update on Library activity (July 1, 15)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Miss Wtaker gave a demonstration lecture on cooking Jan. 18. (Feb. 6)
Prof. Ross spoke on "The Relationship of the Individual to Society." (Feb. 6)
Discussion of Women's clubs (Feb. 19)
Prof. Stillman spoke on Trovalinsky, a Russian woman who received the French
Academy of Science Award in 1888--they didn't know she was a woman (Mar. 4)
Mrs. Congdon, well known temperance worker, spoke on Francis Miller. (Mar. 18)
Prof. Shaw (Shaw) spoke on "The Need and Value of Public Libraries." (Mar. 18)
Prof. Miller spoke on Ancient and Modern Athens. (Apr. 15)
Prof. Mary Robert-Smith spoke on "Judgement as a Factor in Home Life." (Apr. 29)
Mrs. Campbell spoke "Marriage as it used to be, as it is, and as it will and
ought to be" (May 21)
Mrs. Meyer spoke on "Thorwaldson, the sculptor." (June 3)
Mr. Snyder spoke on "Food and Digestion." (July 1)
Miss Mosher spoke on "Dress in Relation to Health." (Aug. 5)
Dr. Jordan, Pres. of Stanford University, spoke on Rome (Nov. 6)

nominating committee be appointed. After discussion the motion was carried and a committee of five appointed, viz. Mrs. Zschokke, Mrs. Corbert, Miss. M. Brothers, Mrs. G. R. Parkinson, Mrs. A. F. Thompson.

Palo Alto, Cal. **September 18th, 1895. Adjourned Annual Meeting**

The members of the Club came together as adjourned, Mrs. Calvin presiding. Minutes of past meeting in Aug. also record of social at Mrs. Parkinson's were read and accepted.

Reports of Departments.

"Home and Household Economics" Mrs. Sloan, Chairman, reported lectures and mid-summer social.

Education and Science: Mrs. Shams (?) Chirman, reported lectures on all the department days except the last, when owing to a misunderstanding, there was none.

Philanthropy; Mrs. Zschokke, Chairman gave a full report of various kinds of work done, help to the needy, etc. besides lectures.

Art and Literature; Mrs. Corbert, Chairman reported lectures as the work of the year.

These several reports were accepted and ordered filed.

Unfinished Business

The amendment to Sec. I Art IV offered by Mrs. Southard, viz. that it read, the Officers of this Club shall be President; Vice President-at-Large, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, was adopted on motion of Mrs. Zschokke, seconded by Mrs. Parkinson.

Mrs. Zschokke moved to cancel? this motion which changed the day of meeting to Saturday. This was seconded by Mrs. Corbert and carried, having the day of meeting Wednesday, as it was originally.

The creating of a department of Music, and the matter of a quorum for ordinary business, were left, on motion till Mrs. Campbell's return.

Report of the Nominating Com.

For President - Mrs. M.G. Campbell

Vice Pres-at-Large - Mrs. Mattie I. Dagan &

Secretary - Mrs. Clare O. Southard

Treasurer - Mrs. H. A. Mitchell

Vice Presidents

Ladies Circle - Dr. H. F. Pillsbury, Mrs. M.C. Farmer

Ladies Aid - Mrs. F. H. Taylor

Ladies Guild - Miss A. Aiworth. Mrs/ A.E. Charles

Several ladies signed the Club register, thus becoming members.
Tellers were appointed, ballots distributed and collected.
Those receiving a majority of the ballots cast were:

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and were declared elected to serve for the ensuing year.
Tellers were discharged and the business concluded, the meeting adjourned.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **Oct. 2, 1895**

The Woman's Club had a delightful at Mrs. Brown's home beyond Mayfield.

Thirty seven were present, all in summer array and the brightest of spirits. Two of our number that arrived on bicycles were heartily cheered as "The new woman", as they along the shaded avenue leading to the mansion on the verandah on which the earlier ones sat. After all had assembled, the business was attended to, the names of the new officers read. viz:

President - Mrs. M.G. Campbell
Vice President-at-Large - Mrs. M.B. Culver
Secretary - Mrs. Clare O. Southard
Treasurer - Mrs. H. A. Mitchell

Vice Presidents from Ladies Circle -Dr. H. F. Pillsbury
Vice President from Ladies Aid - Mrs. F. H. Taylor
Vice President from Ladies Guild - Miss A. Aiworth.
Secretary - Mrs. Clare O. Southard
Treasurer - Mrs. Harriet A. Mitchell.

Heads of Departments
Home and Household Economics- Mrs.J. Hutchinson

Education and Service - Mrs. J. F. Parkinson
Philanthropy - Mrs. A.P. Zschokke
Art and Literature - Mrs. A. L. Corbert.

It was suggested that we take some action to welcoming home our long absent President. A motion to that effect was promptly made and carried, and a committee of many appointed:

Mrs. J. Parkinson, Mrs. Thoburn, Miss M. Brothers, and Mrs. M.A. Chandler.
Miss Booth offered her parlors for the reception.

The business part of the meeting ajourned. Our hostess bade us consider the entire premises at our disposal. Special attention was called to the vineyard, where we wandered laughing and sampling the grapes. Meantime our lunches were artistically arranged with -- of grapes, the main fixture of the feast, upon tables and -- with tea and coffee. Our hearty thanks were given our hosts and we reluctantly bid them adieu.

Mrs. A. Zschokke, Sec.pro tem.

Palo Alto, Cal., **Oct. 16th 1895**

The meeting of the Club assumed the form of a "Welcome home" to the President at the home of Mrs. Hutchinson.

The musical program was violin solo by Miss Fletcher, songs by Mrs. Thoburn and Miss Little. Refreshments were served. Then there was a hush and Mrs. Culver, vice president at large presented Mrs. Campbell, as President, a gavel made of manzanita.

Mrs. Campbell responded very earnestly. She also outlined the work of the club for the coming year, as it is planned by the several heads of departments, expressed herself ready to join heartily in our work, and assist in making the Woman's Club all it should be.

With thanks to the hostess for the pleasure of the afternoon, the guests departed.

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Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Palo Alto Ca., **Nov. 6, 1895.**

Woman's Club met at usual time and place, President in Chair. Minutes of previous meeting omitted on account of absence of the Secretary.

President stated that study classes were forming under the Departments, and invited the members of the Club to --themselves under one or more of the classes.

Mrs. J. R. Parkinson had planned in the Department of Education and Science, a tourist's class to visit Rome, intending to make a serious fireside trip to that city by means of guidebooks, maps, pictures, travellers accounts and criticism. President Jordan of the University, was to give a preliminary talk on the external aspects of the city, and somewhat of its profile and its history. Mrs. Parkinson, as Chairman of the day, then introduced the speaker and he talked for half an hour, after prefacing his remarks with the statement he had not visited Rome for ten years but, as it was the "Eternal City", he supposed what was true then must be true now.

After Dr. Jordan's departure, the order of business was suspended that mention might be made of Mrs. Clark's presence, her work and aims as an artist -- several of her paintings being on exhibition in the room at the moment. On resumption of business a resolution to arrange an evening entertainment, for the benefit of the Club was discussed and adopted. It was decided to ask a .25 fee for admission, also to have refreshments, and not to close the entertainment with dancing.

It was also decided by the Club that the work of preparing for that entertainment be placed in the hands of a Committee with discretionary power to act, and that committee to be appointed by the Chair.

The next business discussed was the matter of a fee or dues of some sort from the Club. It proving to be sense of the house that a fee was desirable, a motion was carried demanding such amendment of the Constitution as would enable members to pay dues to the Club.

Notice was given that the Amendment would be put to vote Wednesday, Nov. 20th.

Another motion was carried fixing the Club dues at .25 per quarter year. Mrs. J.R. Parkinson announced that she would expect all members of the Club, wishing to join the traveller's class to present themselves at her house at three p.m. Saturday Nov. 9.

Motion for adjournment carried.

Mrs Corber, Sec. pro tem.

Copied C.O.L. Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **November 20, 1895** (p.56)

Regular Meeting

Club met at usual time and place, President in Chair. Minutes of Previous meeting read and approved. In the order of business, the amendment to the Constitution, due notice of which had been given, was put to vote and unanimously carried. The amendment to read as follows.

Art.V

Sec.1. (Placed bfore the article)

Sec.2. A fee of one dollar per year or twenty five cents per quarter year shall be due from each member of the Club.

The progame of the day was under the department of Philanthropy, Mrs. Zschokke, Chairman. Miss Agnes Holbrook was expected to address the Club on the "Relation of the Individual to Society." She was unable to be present. Mrs. Heston A. Harland, State Organizer of the Com.Amendment Committee was also expected, and, while awaiting her arrival, the President, Mrs. Campbell, occupied the time by reading some extracts on the woman question. She also suggestd that the members of the Club be equal to the emergency of non arrival of speaker by being prepared to tell about the best woman they ever knew, not necessarily mentioning name or relationship. The subject of parliamentary drill was again brought up by the President, who suggested it might be a good idea to devote the first fifteen minutes of the regular meeting to this purpose. No action was taken.

Mrs. Harland arrived and talked to the Cub, giving facts and figures pertaining to the coming issue, Constitutional Amendment, granting women right to vote, to come before the people next Nov., and wished the members to speak and give their objections, as by talking together the subject might be made more interesting, and be better understood--than any speech she could make.

Mrs. E. O. Smith of San Jose also spoke a few words on the subject by way of encouragement. Mrs. Harland invited all interested in forming an organization to remain after adjournment. Club then adjourned.

Mrs. A. L. Corbert. Sec. pro tem. (copied C.O.L., Sec.)

Palo Alto, Cal. **Dec.4th, 1895** (p.56)

Regular Meeting

Club met at usual time and place, President in Chair. Reading of minutes suspended, the time being devoted to the speaker of the day.

Mrs. Corbert, Chairman of the Department of Art and Literature, introduced Prof. Briggs, of the University, who was expected to give his popular lecture on Hamlet. The lecutre was an appropriate supplement to the reading of Hamlet, just finished by the Reading class in Art and Literature.

The Prof. considered Hamlet to be the greatest of Shakespeare's plays and divided it into four tragedies.

Hamlet, Tragedy of Thought

The King, Tragedy of Guilt

The Queen, Tragedy of Weakness,

Ophelia, he likened to a delicate flower, too frail to stand the storms of life and crushed by the weight of circumstances.

A large audience was present, including many visitors, among whom were several gentlemen. At the close of the lecture, the, many rose to leave, 20 of the Club adjourned informally, no business being done.

Mrs. Corbert, Sec'y pro tem. (Copied C.O.S. Sec.)

Palo Alto, Cal. **Dec. 18th, 1895** (p.58)

Club met at usual time and Place, President in the Chair. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved. Mrs. Hutchinson, Chairman of the Department of "Home and Household Economics," had a change of program and had provided Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper to address the Club.

Mrs. Cooper read a very interesting paper on the subject of "Home: its relation to the Government. After reading about two thirds of the paper which was quite lengthy, she laid it aside and suggested that we talk together on the subject.

There followed a most interesting talk, mainly on the part of Mrs. Cooper, who gradually drifted on to her kindergarten work, giving a glowing account of the work done and good results from it.

As the first Wednesday in Jan. would fall on New Year's Day, the Club adjourned to meet on the third Wednesday in Jan. 1896.

Annie L. Corbert, Sec. pro tem (copied C.O.L. Sec.)

Palo Alto, Cal. a docent tour for the 18th of April. (p59)
A demonstrated lecture on cooking was given by Miss T--- A. Whitaker of
Oakland. No record of the meeting was made other than this.
C.O.S. Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **Feb. 6, 1896**

The Club met at the usual time, in the parlor of the Palo Alto Hotel. The minutes of the meeting held on the third Wednesday in Dec., were read and approved. One meeting was held in January - Saturday the 18th, at which Miss Whitaker was present and gave a demonstration lecture in cooking. There having been no secretary present at that meeting no minutes were at hand so the President gave a verbal report, and discoursed somewhat on the subject of cooking schools, and the practical results to be derived from them.

The members of the Club were earnestly (?) requested, by the president, to think of some subjects which could be discussed by all, about twenty minutes to be devoted to each discussion. Mrs. Zschokke proposed "Woman's Clubs" and it was agreed to discuss that subject at the next meeting. No business was transacted.

Prof. Ross of Stanford University, addressed the Club, kindly supplying? the place of Miss Agnes Holbrook, who was prevented, by illness, from meeting her appointment. The subject, "The Relation of the Individual to Society" he treated from the novel standpoint of "Fads or Mobs," which he defined as a "collective self," and showed how the intensification of a dominant idea controlled society. The Prof. urged the importance of asserting our individuality, which does not mean originality, only choosing that which best suited our individual disposition, and having the courage to say "No."

After the address a few joined in a short discussion and put a number of questions to the Prof. who met them with ready and willing answers. The meeting then adjourned to the third Wed. in Feb.
Mrs. A. L. Corbert. Secy pro tem (Copied C.O.S. Sec.)

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Palo Alto, Cal. **Feb. 19th, 1896**

The regular meeting to the Club was held at the usual time, in the parlor of the Palo Alto Hotel, Mrs. Campbell presiding. minutes of the past meeting were read and accepted.
The discussion on "Woman's Clubs," announded for the first twenty minutes,

was opened by Mrs. Zschokke who read "In and about Woman's Clubs" by Dinah Sturgis.

The prospect of this being that women's clubs have, today a more marked influence upon woman, hence and society, than anything else. This was discussed at some length. Mrs. Campbell gave an account of the "General Federation of Woman's Clubs", the advantage of which is to bring into relations of mutual helpfulness, the various clubs throughout the country. Mrs. Corbert followed with a short account of the annual convention of the New York State Federation.

Time for the business session having arrived, it was decided to continue the discussion at next meeting.

Mrs. Gilbert, wife of Prof. Gilbert of Stanford University, was introduced and read a paper on "Cleopatra", an abstract of which was published in the "Daily Palo Alto Times" treating her subject strictly as Shakspeare's Cleopatra, not historically, the -- "Any passion which becomes so absorbing as to render its possessor indifferent to all the world holds higher and best, blind to self-interest, dead to common pleasures and pains, has in it the elements of sublimity." Such a passion enthralles Cleopatra. Her great love for Antony renders consistent all her seeming inconsistencies.

Quite a spirited discussion followed the reading of the paper not all believing that it was so much womanly love which inspired her, as the love of conquest inherent in the powerful queen. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Gilbert, and the Club adjourned.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **March 4th, 1896**

Regular meeting of the club was held in the Hotel parlor, at the usual time, the President absent. Reading the minutes and discussion were omitted that more time might be given the quite lengthy paper to be read by Prof. Stillman of Stanford University, who was introduced by Mrs. Hutchinson, Chairman of the "Home and Household Economics" department.

The Professor's subject was "Sonya Trovalinsky", the famous Russian woman. Famous, not only for her literary ability, and as a mathematician, but, especially as the first of her sex in Europe to become a university lecturer. Beginning with her birth in 1850, or according to some 1843, the paper briefly outlines her life history, touching upon persons closely connected with her. The year 1888 brought to her her highest honor in mathematics awarded by the French Academy of Science, without the knowledge that it was to a woman.

A life appointment in the University of Stockholm was received by her in 1890, but enjoyed scarcely a year, as, falling ill on the 6th of Feb. 1891, she died on the 10th. "She is in no sense a typical woman and any lesson drawn from her career for the typical woman is based upon shadowy and uncertain premises.

The thanks of the Club were extended to Prof. Stillman.

Adjourned. Mrs. Clare O. Southard., Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **March 18th, 1896**

Regular meeting of the Club was held at usual time in the Sunday School room of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Meeting opened with a short parliamentary drill on putting, withdrawing and diverting(?) a motion. The proceedings of the last two meetings were reported and report accepted. Treasurer reported total receipts \$33.95. Expenditures \$4.35, Balance in treasury \$29.60.

The question of how the annual assessment shall be paid coming up. Mrs. Corbert moved that the dues of a woman joining during the quarter began with that quarter. This was seconded and, after discussion, carried.

Mrs. M. E. Congdon, a well known temperance worker, was present and, in response to an invitation from the President, gave personal reminiscences of Miss Frances Millard (?).

Prof. Shaw was then introduced and addressed the Club on "The Need and Value of Public Libraries." A vote of thanks was given the Professor at the close of the address.

Business of the club was again taken and the "Book Social" to take place the following Saturday evening, was discussed. Cakes, for the refreshments, were promised by Medames D. Mitchell, Townsend, Taylor, McIntosh, Frasson, Scoville, Sloan, Dibble and Holly.

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Zschokke were appointed a general committee, the Executive Committee to act as hostesses of the evening. No further business, Club adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

(p.65) Palo Alto, Cal. **April 1st, 1896**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual in the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. Secretary stated that the Executive Board, having been invited by the general committee of the town to assist at the "Rose Carnival" to be held

in San Jose in May, had held a meeting and decided to accept the invitation. Mrs. Zschokke moved that the Club voice its approval of the action of the Executive. This was seconded and carried.

It appearing that the decorating of a booth, 16x25 feet, in the Pavilion, would be a part of the assistance required, Mrs. Culver, on motion of Mrs. Zschokke which was seconded and carried.

Committee appointed as follows. Mesdames J. Parkinson, Neiholds, Frasson, Mitchell, Rosebrook, Meishaar, Norris and Peak; Misses Fainbush, Wing, Butler, Belle Butler, Frasson, Campbell, Corbert, Lillian Holley, Brothers, Frigone and Hall.

President stated that she had received quite a number of books for the Library since the social.

The program for the afternoon was under the supervision of the Philanthropic department Mrs. Zschokke chairman. Mrs. Zschokke read a selection "Blessed be Drudgery" (?) from the pen of W.C. Gannett. This provoked quite a discussion.
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Songs were sung by the young ladies Miss Merry, Miss Tourney and Miss M. Lachlan(?) to whom the thanks of the Club were given. Meeting then adjourned. Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec

Palo Alto, Cal. **April 15th, 1896**

The regular meeting of the club was held in the usual time and place Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. the President called the attention of the club members to an article in the "Times" regarding a building that should be erected and owned by a stock company, composed of members of the club: suggested that it might be worth while to consider the proposition, and that it was a good subject for the parliamentary

. Mrs. Powers moved, seconded by Mrs. Zschokke, that we discuss at the present time the proposition of building a hall.

Mrs. Campbell called the vice-president to the chair, took the floor, and with the permission of Mrs. Powers to change the wording so that we build a hall, discussed the question, showing many advantages to be gained by the club if such a thing were done.

The speaker of the afternoon, Prof. Walter Miller of Stanford University,

appearing at this time there was no further discussion. Prof. Miller's theme was "Ancient and Modern Athens". He was voted the thanks of the club at the close of the address.

The question arose as to the next regular meeting of the club, May 6th. this being the opening day of the "Rose Carnival" at San Jose, in which the club would take an active part, Mrs. Zschokke moved that we meet two weeks from today, April 29th. This was seconded, supported and carried. Club then adjourned. Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **April 29th, 1896**

In accordance with a motion at the meeting of April 15 the club met, as the usual time and place on this date instead of on May 6th. the regular day, about fifty members being present. No business is recorded.

Professor Mary Roberts-Smith gave an address on "Judgement as a factor in home life," at the close of which she was tendered the thanks of the club. This record is prepared from report published in the "Daily Times" of April 30. in accordance with instructions given. Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **May 13th, 1896**

At the close of the meeting of the Political Equality League a called meeting of the Woman's Club was held. Mrs. Campbell presiding. the purpose of this meeting was to consider the change of date of next meeting on account of Suffrage Convention occurring on same date.

On motion it was decided to hold the meeting on the 21st of May instead of on the 20th which would be the regular day. Meeting adjourned. Mrs. Clare O. Southard

Palo Alto, Cal. **May 21st, 1896**

The Club met on this date in accordance with a motion made at a called meeting of May 13th. This was done that the members might attend the Suffrage Convention at Redwood which occurred on the regular club day. The President called to order and the minutes of meeting of April 15th were read and accepted. The secretary being absent from meeting of April 29th no record was kept. Secretary was instructed to prepare from published account, for the next meeting.

Secretary reported \$3.25 dues collected at meeting of April 15th and passed to Treasurer.

President stated that Miss Mills had been expected to address the meeting, also Miss Shaw (Rev. Anna) but, instead we would return to Miss Winifred Harper, one of the graduating class of Stanford University. Their subject was "Personal Relations of the Renaissance." The thanks of the Club were extended to her at the...the paper.

The next meeting being rendered the..Philanthropic department Mrs.Zschokke gave notice that Mrs. Campbell, our president would address the Club. The president stated that her subject would be "Marriage as it used to be, and is, and as it will and ought to be." Club then adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **June 3, 1896**

The regular meeting of the Club was held as usual, President in the chair. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted, as those of meeting of April 29th. which Secretary had been instructed to prepare from published record, and those of called meeting of May 13?

Mrs.Beck Meyer was then introduced and gave an account of the life of one of her countrymen Thorwaldson,, the sculptor, at the close of which she was tendered the thanks of the club.

Prof. Mary Roberts Smith stated that ^{Dr.}Miss Mosher would address the club at some future meeting upon Hygiene.

Mrs. Campbell, Prof Roberts-Smith and Mrs. Parkinson offered their parlors to the club for its usual summer socials. Club adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **June 24th, 1896**

Mrs. Campbell received the members of the club and their friends at her home from 3 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

The rooms were filled to overflowing, many guests from adjoining towns and far away Arizona and New Mexico being among the number. The decorations were sweet peas and La France roses. Refreshments were served by the young ladies.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **July 1st, 1896**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and accepted, also report to reception at Mrs.Campbell's.

The usual routine of business was varied by music, Miss Edith Jaggen, grandniece of Mrs. Holly, singing "Because I love you dear."

A report, by the president, of the Library, stated that it was in place, with Mrs Corbert engaged in numbering the books and getting them ready for distribution. President mentioned the deposit of fifty cents (.50) which would be required, giving the reason, and for which a receipt would be given.

...had a letter in which it was stated that copies of the book, the "World's Congress of Representation Woman," could be had at a very low rate, and which would be valuable for the library. Matter left in the hands of Executive committee.

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Mr. A. C. Snyder of the Class of /96, Stanford University, was introduced and addressed the club upon "Food and Digestion". A vote of thanks was given by the club. A song by Miss Jagger and the club adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **July 15th, 1896**

Members and friends of the club were received by Professor Mary Roberts-Smith from three to five in the afternoon. There was a short musical program and refreshments served, as usual, by the young ladies.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **August 5th, 1896**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Culver presiding. Minutes of meeting of July read and accepted after correction. Report of reception at Professor Mary Roberts-Smith was given. Committee on books reported their reading for distribution as per report put ..in the "Times."

Under new business, arrangements were made for the annual meeting by the appointment of a nominating committee of five by the Chair, in accordance with motion that it should be so.

The committee is as follows, viz. Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Be. gbee, Mrs Hieholds, Mrs. Corbert, and Mrs. Rosebrook.

An informal ballot was taken for the purpose of aiding the nominating committee in making its selection.

An invitation to a reception Aug. 12th was extended to the Club, from Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Tritin??. On motion of Mrs. Rosebrook, which was seconded, the invitation was accepted.

The President then .. the chair to Mrs. Zschokke, Chairman of the Philanthropic department, who introduced ^{Doctor} Miss ~~Clara~~ Moshier. Miss Moshier addressed the club on "Dress in relation to health" and at the close of the address received the thanks of the club.

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An in formal ballot was taken for the purpose of aiding the nominating committee in making its selection.

An invitation to a reception Aug. 12th was extened to the Club, from Mrs. Bass and Mrs. Tritin??. On motion of Mrs. Rosebrook, which was seconded, the invitation was accepted.

The President then .. the chain to Mrs. Zschokke, Chairman of the Philanthropic department, who introduced Miss Clilia Mosher. Miss Mosher addressed the club on "Dress in relation to health" and at the close of the address received the thanks of the club.

Club then adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **August 12th, 1896**

Mesdames Ball and Suitin? received the emmbers of the club and friends from three to five o'clock in the afternoon. Music by Mrs. Warner, and refreshements, served as usual, formed the principal part of the program.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

September 1896 to July 1897

No. of board meetings: 10

Board: Mmes. M. Campbell, Pres.; Prof. Mary Roberts-Smith, V.Pres.; C. Southard, Sec.; K. Hutchinson, 1st V-P; F. Reynolds, 2nd V-P; H. Thoburn, 3rd V-P; and Miss Brothers, Treas.

Departments

Home & Household: A. Niehold

Literature & Arts: Wang

Education & Science: G. Dibble

Philanthropy: C. Gilbert

Club Membership: 106 reported June 16

Finances

Balance on hand \$29.55 (Sept 2) Earnings from Messiah \$15.50 (Dec. 2)

Fund Raising

Messiah given on Nov. 20 (Nov. 4) Musicales given on April 20 (Apr. 1)

Entertainments and Book Social to aid library (May 19)

Action/Events

Books at library ready for distribution (Sept. 2)

Greetings sent to newly organized Mayfield Club (Dec. 2)

Joined Palo Alto Improvement Club to host a Town Social (Dec. 2, Feb. 17)

The Women's Club agreed to take over YMCA reading room which the YMCA could no longer support. (Dec. 9, Feb. 17)

Amendments to club constitution (Jan 7, 20, Feb. 17)

Entertained the Political Equality Club. (July 7)

Town Social (Nov. 18, Feb. 17)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Rev. Anna Shaw spoke on the Equal Suffrage Campaign. (Sept. 16)

Prof. Powers spoke on "Some phases of the Woman Question." (Sept. 16)

Mr. F.C. Savin [sp], Stanford, read a paper on the Altrarian association (Oct. 7)

Mrs. Estabrook spoke on "Expression." (Oct 20)

Mrs. E. Campbell spoke on "Home What is it?" ((Nov. 4)

Prof. Mary Roberts-Smith spoke on "The New York State Reformatory." (Dec. 2)

Dr. DeSilva spoke on "Status of Women on the Asian Continent." (Dec. 9)

Prof. Hudson spoke on "William Morris, artist and socialist." (Dec. 16)

Prof. Powers spoke on "Cooperative Housekeeping." (Jan 7)

Dr. Southard spoke on "Children's Eyes." (Jan. 20)

Miss Schermerhorn spoke on the Social Settlement. (Feb. 8)

Prof. Brown spoke on "The Art of Dress." (Feb. 17)

Dr. Mara Pratt spoke on "Heredity and Prenatal Influence." (Mar 8)

Prof. Barnes spoke on "New Harmony Social Settlement." (Apr. 1)

Mrs. Nieholds spoke on "Home Life in Texas." (May 5)

Mrs. Riddell spoke on "Training for Citizenship." (May 19)

Club then adjourned.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **Sept. 2nd, 1896**

Members of the club came to gether, as per notice, for the business of the annual meeting and election of officers. for the coming year. Mrs. Campbell presiding.

Minutes of the Past Annual meeting were read and accepted.

Threasure' report, for the year, read and ordered filed. It gave total receipts for year, to Sept. 1st 47.80

expenses for the year to Sept 1st 18.25

Balance on hand - 29.55

Reports of Departments.

Home and Household Economics, Mrs. Hutchinson, Chairman, not present, no report.

Education and Science, Mrs. J. Parkinson, Chairman, not present, no report. Philanthropy, Mrs. Zschokke, Chairman, reported lectures on regular days; no sickness, no destitute people in town to care for; suggested the need of the club owning a nursing outfit. Chairman was asked by the President to make a list of articles necessary for such an outfit. Report accepted and ordered filed.

Literature and Art, Mrs. Corbert, Chairman had report of lectures etc. which was accepted and ordered filed.

The President's address gave a brief summary of what the Club had accomplished during the year. She spoke particularly of the good fellowship existing among the members, and expressed cordial gratitude to the club for its loyalty to her. She then read the Constitution of the club, also a short story from the "Woman's Journal", entitled "Time is passing rapidly away", a composition written by a very small boy.

The thought deduced from it being that people find time for those things in which they are interested.

President mentioned a gift, to herself, of a very old Encylopedia which had, at one time, belonged to one of the early presidents of Harvard College. Books at the Library were reported ready for distribution but, that there was

only very little call for them.

The quorum required for the business of the Annual meeting not being present, report of nominating committee was postponed to the next meeting, two weeks from today, to which time this meeting adjourned.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **Sept.16th, 1896**

The club met as adjourned for the purpose of completing the business of the Annual meeting and transacting other business. Mrs. Campbell presiding.
Minutes of Annual meetings read and accepted.

Under unfinished business the secretary of the nominaing committee reported as follows.

For President Mrs. M.G. Campbell
" Vice President at Large Prof. M.R.Smith
Secretary Mrs. C.O.Southard
Treasurer Mrs. H.A.Mitchell, Miss M.Brothers
First Vice President Mrs. M. B. Culow, Mrs. Kate Hutchinson
Second Vice President Mrs. F.A.R. Frasson (?), Mrs. Nina Parkinson
Third Vice President Mrs. J.F. Byxbee, Mrs. Harriet Thobum

Mrs. Julia A. Brodie and Miss Anita L. Corbert were appointed tellers. Ballots were distributed and collected, and the tellers retired to count the ballots during which time a notice was given of the meeting of the University Association, and Mr. A. R. Crawford, organizer, gave the club explanation as to the object of the association.
The tellers returning, the Secretary reported the number of ballots cast twenty nine, necessary for a choice fifteen.

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Robetrts Smith, Mrs. Southard, Miss Brothers, Mars. Hutchinson, Mrs Frasson?, and Mrs Thoburn, each receiving more than the required number of votes were declared elected for the ensuing year.
The list of officers is as follows:

President Mrs. M.G. Campbell
" Vice President at Large Prof. Mary Roberts Smith
Secretary Mrs. C.O.Southard
Treasurer Miss M.Brothers
First Vice President Mrs. Kate Hutchinson

Second Vice President Mrs. F.A.Reynolds Frasson (?),
Third Vice President Mrs. Harriet Thobum
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The tellers were discharged and Rev. Annna Shaw, who was present, gave a few moments talk while awaiting the appearance of the speaker of the afternoon, giving a short account of the method of conducting of the Equal Suffrage campaign.

The speaker, Professor Powers of Stanford University, appearing was introduced as speaking under the auspices of the Science and Education department. His subject was "Some phases of the Woman question". A spirited discussion followed closing only with the adjournment of the club.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **Oct. 7 th, 1896**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of meeting of Sept. 16th were read and accepted.

President remarked that there was no formality attending the election, that is regarding installation; the newly elected officers are accepted, with pleasure. the honor conferred upon them and would endeavor to faithfully perform all duties of their respective offices: that the heads of department, appointed by the Board of Managers, are as follows:

Home and Household Economics, Mrs. A.N. Nieholds;
Education and Science, Mrs. Gertrude L. Dibble;
Philanthropy, Mrs. C.H.Gilbert
Art and Literature, Mrs. -- Wang?

Under the department of Philanthropy, Mr. F.C.Savin? (Lowin?) of Stanford University was introduced and read a paper on "Altraria"? it being a description of the colony, started by the Altrarian association in Sonoma County near Santa Rosa.

At the close of the paper a vote of thanks was extended Mr. Lawin ? Sawin? and the club adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **Oct. 20th, 1896**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

President stated that the club would be entertained soon by Mrs.Hutchinson, probably Nov. 18?

The program in charge of the Art and Literature department included a vocal

solo by Miss Little and a talk on Expression by Mrs. F.M.Estabrook, Principal of the Department of Elocution at the University of the Pacific. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs.Estabrook, and the club adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **Nov. 4th, 1896**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted. On invitation from Mrs. Hutchinson, for the afternoon of the 18th, from three to five o'clock was accepted. Announcement was made that the "Messiah" for the benefit of the Woman's Club would be given on the evening of the 20th.

The Chairman of the Home and Household Economics department then introduced Mrs. E.L. Campbell, President of the club, who spoke upon "Home, What is it?" She was tendered the thanks of the club and adjournment followed.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **Nov. 18th, 1896**

Members and friends of the club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Hutchinson, from three to five o'clock in the afternoon. There were present about sixty. The -- was a musical one; vocal solos by Misses Little and Jagger and piano solo by Mrs. Jaggan. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Hutchinson was assisted by Mrs. Fletcher Brown, Mrs Thobum, Miss Kellogg and Miss Hobart.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **Dec. 2nd, 1896**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and accepted, also report of reception at the home of Mrs. Hutchinson.

Report of "Musicale" given on the evening of Nov. 20th, in aid of the club by Mrs. and Miss Jagger, assisted by member of the Club and others was

Receipts from sale of tickets \$26.00

" " advertisements 3.50

Total 29.50

Expenses

Hall rent \$5.00

Piano moving 4.00

Printing 5.00

14.00

Balance

15.50

An invitation from Mrs. Brown near Mountain View, to an afternoon at her home, time of suit the members of the club, was accepted with thanks. Mrs. Zschokke moved that greeting be sent to the newly organized social club of Mayfield. Seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried and Secretary instructed to extend such greeting by letter.

~~In response to a request from the Y.M.C.A. the President stated that the Executive Board together with the Library Committee, would meet at the W.M.C.A. rooms Saturday evening, Dec. 6th to confer with a committee from that body, in regard to the Reading room.~~

~~An invitation from the Palo Alto Improvement Club for the Woman's Club to preside over the entertainment and refreshments at a "Town social" to be given by that club, Saturday evening before Christmas, was accepted and on motion of Mrs. Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert, that the club appoint a committee to cooperate with the P.A.I. Club, the chair appointed Mrs. Gilbert chairman with power to select such committee.~~

Mrs. Gilbert, Chairman of Philanthropic department, then introduced Professor Mary Roberts-Smith who addressed the club on the "New York State Reformatory, its aim, methods and some of its results." A vote of thanks was given Prof. Smith and the club adjourned.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **Dec. 9th, 1896**

A called meeting of the Club was held at three o'clock in the usual place, Mrs. Campbell presiding.

President stated that the meeting had been called to consider the proposition to assume charge of a public reading room. This proposition was the result of the meeting of the executive and the committee from the Y.M.C.A. Saturday evening, Dec. 5.

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Mrs. Dibble, in order to bring the matter before the club assume the charge of the room. This was seconded by Mrs. J. Parkinson. The motion discussed in all its ... was cast. (cost?) Mrs. Gilbert then introduced the following resolution.

Whereas: The Y.M.C.A. finds it impossible to continue longer the ... Reading Room, therefore be it Resolved: that the Woman's Club undertake the work as part of its efforts for the public good.

The pros and cons having been thoroughly discussed in the preceding question, the resolution as adopted without discussion.

Business completed the President introduced Dr. DeSilva, a native of China, who spoke upon the "Status of woman on the Asian continent."

With a note of thanks to Dr. DeSilva the club adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

Palo Alto, Cal. **Dec. 16th, 1896**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and accepted after correction. Those of called meeting of Dec. 9th were read and accepted.

The chairman of the Art and Literature department Mrs. Wang (?), being absent, the President introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Professor Wm. H. Hudson of Stanford University, whose subject was "William Morris, -- artist and socialist". A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

Business again taken up Mrs. Gilbert moved a resolution of thanks for "the very enjoyable entertainment which gave such material aid to our treasury." This was seconded and carried and the secretary instructed to "record and transmit."

The following resolutions of respect were adopted, viz:

Whereas: an incomparable loss has fallen on two of our members in the death of Mr. Gilbert Fairbush, and

Whereas: -- members one of another their suffering is felt by every other member of this sisterly band, therefore

Be it resolved that the Woman's Club of Palo Alto extends heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. and Miss Fairbush in the sorrow that has come to them.

With a request that the Executive Board meet Thursday at 2 o'clock P.M. ~~instead of at the time advertised~~, the club adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal. **Jan 7th, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and

accepted.

A letter from the Mayfield Social Club in response to greetings from the Woman's Club was read and ordered filed.

The following amendments of the Consitution were proposed to be acted upon at

the next regular meeting. viz.

To Art. III, Section I:

To carry out these objects of the Club shall be conducted under the management of five Departments, namely: Home and Household Economics; Education and Science; Philanthropy; Art and Literature, and Library.

Sec.2. Each of the four first named Departments shall be in charge of a committee which shall be responsible for its work. At the first regular meeting in May there shall be held an election of officers who shall enter upon their duties at the Annual Meeting in the following Sept.

Under the auspices of the Home and Household Economics Department, Mrs. Niehold, Chairman, Professor Powers, of Stanford University, addressed the club on "Cooperative Housekeeping." At the close of the address he was given the thanks of the club voiced by the President. Mrs. Dibble, Chairman Education and Science Department, announced that Dr. W.F. Southard would speak at the next meeting of the club, subject, "Our Children's Eyes." Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto Cal., **Jan.20th, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place. The President having been called from home, Mrs. Gilbert presided. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Holly, seconded by Mrs. Corbert, action upon the amendments was postponed until the next meeting.

The question of the club's responsibility in regard to the Reading Room arising, statement was made that the club is not financially responsible, but will simply make effort to obtain the assistance necessary to carry it on.

There being no further business, the President introduced Dr. W.F. Southard who addressed the Club on "Children's Eyes." A vote of thanks was given the doctor at the close of the address.

The Chairman of Philanthropic department announced that Miss Schermerhorn (?) If the College Settlement of San Francisco would address

the club at it next meeting.
Club adjourned.
Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto Cal., **Feb.8th, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time in the Sunday Schoold room of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Gilbert presiding, the President being absent on account of illness.

In the absece of the Secretary, Mrs. Corbert was appointed Sec. pro tem. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

By the consent of the members present the action on the amendments was again postponed to the next. meeting.

No other business appearing the President introduced Miss Schermerhorn of San Francisco, who addressed the club o the Object and Purpose of the Social Settlement. At the close of the address she was tendered the thanks of the club, which then adjourned.

Mrs. A.L. Corbert, Sec. pro tem.

Palo Alto Cal., **Feb. 17th, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The amendments to the constitution, proposed at the first meeting in January were read and acted upon. The are as follows.

Art. III, Section I to read:

To carry out these objects the club shall be conducted under the manamgement of five departments, viz:

Home and Household Economics; Education and Science; Philanthropy; Art and Literature, and Library.

This was adopted on motion of Mrs.Zschokke seconded by Mrs. Nicholds.

Sec.3.- The Library department shall be in charge of a committee which shall be responsible for the collecting, care and ciarculation of the books in the Library.

Adopted on motion.

Art VI. Sec.1. - There shall be an annual meeting of the club on the first Wednesday of September of each year, to hear reports of the work for the past year.

Sec.2 - At the first regular meeting in May, there shall be held an election of officers who shall enter upon their duties at the annual meeting in the following Sept.

Sec.2 - To become section three. Adopted on motion.

An invitation was received from the "Town Improvement Club" to act as hostesses at a town social, to be given at an early date. On motion of Mrs. Parkinson, seconded by Mrs. Sauter, (?) the invitation was accepted. There being no further business, Professor B.C. Brown of Stanford University, Art Department, was introduced and read a paper on "The Art of Dress". The thanks of the club were voted the speaker.

President stated that about one third (1/3) the amount required to support the Reading Room had been subscribed.

Adjourned. Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto Cal., **March 8th, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time in the Sunday Schoolroom of the Church, President in the chair.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read and accepted.

That the officers, for the year 97-98 might be ready to assume their duties in Sept., in accordance with the amendment to the Constitution, Mrs. Southard moved that a special election be held the first meeting in May. This was seconded by Mrs. Gilbert, and carried without discussion.

No further business appearing, the President introduced Dr. Mara Prat whose topic was "Heredity and Pre-natal influence." She spoke under the auspices of the Home and Household Economics department, and at the close of the address was voted the thanks of the club.

Professor Earl Barnes was announced as the speaker for the next meeting. Adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto Cal., **March 17th, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

Notices having been sent out by the secretary that Prof Earl Barnes would address the meeting when, really, arrangements were made to have Mrs.

Riddlell, the president explained how it happened that the Sec. had not been notified of the change.

She also stated that the chairman of the day was responsible not only for the program for the day but also for the opening of the house, building five, etc. that is, to see that these things were done.

She then spoke at some length on matters of interest to the club, gave notice that Professor Barnes would address the club at its next meeting under the auspices of the department of Philanthropy.

Adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O Southard, Sec.

Palo Alto Cal. **April 1, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and accepted. Notice was given of the "Musical" to be given under the auspices of the Art and Literature department, which would be at the Methodist Church April 20th.

Professor Earl Baines of Stanford University was introduced and addressed the club on the "New Harmony Social Settlement." A vote of thanks was given Prof. Barnes at the close of his address.

Adjourned. Mrs. Claire O. Southard, Sec.

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Palo Alto Cal., **April 21st, 1897**

The Woman's Club met in the Methodist Church, Mrs. Campbell presiding. In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Corbert was appointed Sec. pro tem. There was a musical program under the department of Art and Literature. Mrs. Priedo (?) Marx Chairman.

The President, in a few timely remarks gave notice of the election of officers to be held the first Wednesday in May in accordance with the amended constitution.

A recess of five minutes was granted, paper and pencils distributed and an informal ballot taken. The chair appointed Mrs. Burwell chairman of nominating committee, with power to two more to act with her. The president announced a paper on "Home Life in Texas," to be given by Mrs. Neiholds at the next meeting and Professor Thoburn for the second Wednesday in May.

Adjourned.

Mrs. A.L. Corbert. Sec'y pro tem.

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Palo Alto Cal., **May 5th, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the home of Mrs. C.H. Gilbert, Mrs. Campbell presiding. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and adopted.

Further business being suspended, the president introduced Mrs. Nieholds, Chairman of the Home and Household Economics department, who gave a paper on "Country Life in Texas," at the close of which she was given the thanks of the club.

Business was resumed which was, in accordance with the amendment to Article of the Constitution, adopted Feb. 17th, 1897, election of officers for the ensuing year.

Professor Mary Roberts-Smith and Mrs. Spurgeon were appointed judges of the election.

Guided by the informal ballot for April 28, the nominating committee reported as follows.

For President - Mrs. M.G.Campbell

For Vice " at-Large - Prof. Mary Roberts-Smith

" Secretary - Miss Anita Corbert

" Treasurer - Miss M. Brothers

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Vice Presidents from the Churches.

Presbyterian - Mrs. Kate (?) Hutchinson, Mrs. M.B. Culow

Methodist - Mrs. Harriet Thobum, Mrs. J.F. Byxbee

Episcopal - Mrs. F.Reynolds-Frasson, Mrs. Dr. Parkinson

Miss Brothers declining the nomination for Treasurer, Mrs. L.D. Emerson was nominated for that office.

Thirty ballots were cast, necessary for a choice sixteen. Mrs. Campbell and Prof. Robters-Smit were unanimously reelected. Miss Corbert receiving 28, Mrs. Emerson 26, Mrs. Hutchinson 17, Mrs. Thobum 25, Mrs. Frasson 17. ballots were declared elected for the year /97/98.

The officers for the year beginning Sept. 1897, are

President - Mrs. M.G.Campbell

Vice " at-Large - Prof. Mary Roberts-Smith

" Secretary - Miss Anita Corbert

" Treasurer - Mrs.L.D. Emerson

Vice Presidents from the Churches:

Presbyterian - Mrs. K.F.) Hutchinson

Methodist - Mrs. Harriet Thobum

Episcopal - Mrs. F.Reynolds-Frasson

This closed the business and a social hour followed, during which refreshments were served by the little daughters of Mrs. Gilbert.
Adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard Sec.

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Palo Alto Cal., **May 19th, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President stated that it remained for the club today whether regular meetings should be held during the summer. She also mentioned various entertainments which had been promised in aid of the Library, also a book social which was contemplated in the coming weeks.

No business appearing the President introduced Mrs. Laura Riddell, who spoke upon "Training for Citizenship". She was given a vote of thanks.

Adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Palo Alto Cal., **June 2, 1897**

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place. In the absence Mrs. Gilbert presided. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. Mrs. Parkinson moved that the decision of the question, whether the club hold regular meetings during the summer, be postponed to a social meeting, when more would be present. Seconded by Mrs. Zschokke and carried.

An invitation was recieved from the Misses Brothers for the afternoon of June 16th, from three to five oclock. This was accepted on motion of Mrs. Zschokke, seconded by Mrs. Sloan.

The program consisted of selections by Mrs. J. Parkinson and Mrs. Powers. These selections were discriptions of places visited by the "Tourist Class" of the year before. A vote of thanks was tendered these members and the club adjourned.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Palo Alto Cal., **June 16th, 1897**

The club was entertained at the home of th Misses Brothers. Among the guests, numbering about sixty were mothers, sisters and friends of the club members, whose homes are in Santa Cruz, Oakland, the southern part of the state and in far away Ohio.

The President, Mrs. Campbell, read letters from a Greek woman, also circulars asking aid of Woman's Clubs for "The Cause." She also made a few remarks on the past and present of Greece.

A motion that a Committee be appointed to solicit subscriptions for this purpose was seconded, voted upon and lost.

The hostesses were assisted by Mesdames Parkinson and Brodie, and Misses Fairbush and Corbert, who served refreshments rom tables very tastefully

decorated.

Several new members were added to the club making the membership one hundred and six.

A vote of thanks was tendered the hostesses and the guests wended their way homeward.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

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Palo Alto, Cal., **July 7, 1897**

The president, Mrs. Campbell, entertained the club also the Political Equality Club. About twenty five were present.

A short talk was given by Mrs. Campbell in "S " which was part of the "lesson for the day" of the P.E.Club.

Refreshments were served the hostess being assisted by her daughter Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Carvel, ? Miss Byxbee and Miss Layes.?

The hostess extended an invitation to all to meet the following week at home. This was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Clare O Southard Sec.

Palo Alto Cal., **July 21st, 1897**

Mrs. Campbell and her daughter, Mrs. M.D. Hall received their friends and members of the club from three to six oclock in the afternoon. Mrs. G.H. Rosebrook had charge of the decorations. The musicians were Mr. Britton Weigle and Miss Weigle.

Among the guests, numbering about sixty, were many strangers visiting in Palo Alto. Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs.

G.R.Parkinson and Mrs. J.F. Parkinson, by the young ladies Misses Blanche Byxbee, Taylor and Mabel Charles.

Prepared from report published in the "Times."

Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Women's Club of Palo Alto 475 Homer Ave. Palo Alto, Ca.94301
Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

September 1897 to August 1898

Board/members: Mrs. Campbell, Pres.; Mrs. Smith, V.P.; Mrs. Corbert, Sec.; Mrs. Emerson, Treas.; Mrs. Zschokke, V.P.; Representing churches: Mmes. Hutchinson, Thoburn, Reynolds and Frason

Departments and Chairs

Philanthropy: Gilbert

Reading Room:

Finances:

Membership for National Federation of Women's Clubs is \$10 every two years (Jan. 5)

Action/Events

President discussed Club goals: Self Improvement and Mutual Help and on Future Work: Public park, planting trees, library, reading room (Sept.15, Feb.2)
Discussed paliametary drill practiced at the beginning of meetings (Sept.15, Nov.17)
Amendment to constitution regarding time of meetings. (Sept.15 Nov.17, Jan.19)
Reception in Palo Alto Hotel (Dec.15)
Discussion about joining the National Federation of Women's Clubs. (Jan. 5,19)
Informal debate, "Youth is the Happiest Time of Life." (Mar.2)
Concert, Melba Choral (Apr. 6)
Musicale held at the Methodist Church (May 18)
Amendment to constitution. Initiation fee \$2 (May 4)

Speakers

Mrs.Green spoke on Child Study Group to promote Home-School cooperation (Sept.17)
Mrs. Weaver spoke on the Hampton Institute (Oct. 6)
Miss McGillivray spoke on author Ian McLaren (Oct. 20)
Prof. Mary Roberts Smith spoke on the "Life of Women in Hawaii" (Nov.3)
Miss McGillivray spoke on the Orkney Islands (Nov.17)
Prof. Griggs spoke on the "Influence of the Teacher and the Parent on Moral Education" (Dec.1)
Dr. Jordan spoke on Self-Activity (Jan. 19)
Dr. Graybill spoke on "The Woman and the Movement." (Feb.2)
Mrs. Young from Idaho gave a short talk. (Feb. 2)
Mrs. Bingham, from Fresno, spoke on "A Woman's Club in the Mountains of North Carolina." (Mar. 2)
Prof. Mary Roberts Smith spoke on Household Finance. (Mar.16)
Dr. Brannier spoke on a trip up the Paraguay River. (Apr.6)
Mrs. Malcolm spoke on Red Cross Work. (May 18)

The above dates, such as (Sept.17), identifying where information will correspond to dates in the minutes written as "Palo Alto, September 17th, 1898."

Palo Alto, Sept. 1st, 1897
Annual Meeting

P. McKee

In response to the call for the Annual Meeting eleven members were present at the usual time and place. In the absence of the President, the Vice President, Mrs. Thoburn, presided.

In consideration of there being so few present, Mrs. Zschokke moved that we adjourn to the third Wednesday of the month. This was seconded by Mrs. Corbert and carried.

Adjourned to Sept. 15th.

Mrs. Clare O. Southard, Sec.

Palo Alto, Sept. 15, 1897

P. McKee

The adjourned annual meeting was called to order by the President. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and accepted.

The business for the day was the hearing of annual reports by the Treasurer, heads of Departments, and Chairman of Reading Room Committee.

A short rest was taken during the reading of reports while the club listened to a beautiful song by Miss Jagger.

President's Address.

The President reviewed in a few words the four years community work done by the club. Whether the club had accomplished the first two objects of its being, as set forth in the constitution, viz. self-improvement and mutual help, each member must answer for herself. For the work of the future these suggestions were given--To put before the public the necessity of a public park; to foster the idea of planting trees; to increase library and resources of Reading Room. The following announcements were made. The constitution is to be printed and distributed among members. Parliamentary drill will be introduced for fifteen minutes before the lecture of the day. The meetings of the Executive Board will be held on the Monday Eve. before the 3rd Wednesday at the Pres.' home. Members were asked to think over something for a club emblem.

The speaker for the day, Mrs. E. G. Green, was then introduced. Mrs. Green is an organizer from the State Association for Child Study, which was formed for promoting the cooperation of the home and the school. Mrs. Green urged the necessity for the influence of the mother in education. The mother could help the teacher to know the child.

An interesting discussion followed. The hour being late, the question of forming a Child Study Dep't. was deferred until the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

Mrs. Weaver was announced to speak at the next meeting under the Dep't. of Philanthropy.

Club adjourned.

Anita L. Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, Oct. 6, '97

P. McKee

Meeting called to order by the President. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

President announced that at the next meeting there would come before the club an amendment to the Constitution changing the time of the annual meeting to the third Wednesday in Sept.

Miss Ora Boring then restated Mrs. Green's plan to form a Child Study Club in Palo Alto. Mrs. Maitland of the university followed with a talk on what Child Study is and what branch of the work would be best suited to a club of mothers. At the conclusion of her very instructive talk, the matter was left thus. If any six women of the town desired to form a Child Study Club and would ??? their names to the Mrs Campbell, a meeting would be arranged and organization effected.

The Chairman of the Dep't. of Philanthropy introduced Mrs. Weaver who occupied the remainder of the hour with the subject of Hampton Institute and its founder, Gen. Armstrong. Mrs. Weaver is an earnest speaker and was full of her subject. The Club was very grateful to her for giving them such an insight into the character and life work of a great and noble man.

Adjourned.

Anita L. Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, Oct. 20, 1897

P. McKee

Owing to the illness of the President, the club was called to order by Mrs. Gilbert, chairman of the Dep't. of Philanthropy.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There being no business to come before the house, Miss McGillivray was introduced and gave the club a most delightful with Ian McLaren. She related many charming incidents connected with his life and work and read extracts from some of his best stories.

The thanks of the club were tendered the speaker and the meeting adjourned.

Anita Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, Nov. 3, 1897

P. McKee

The President being absent on account of illness, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. McClelland, chairman for the day.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Prof. Mary Roberts Smith was then introduced and talked to the club on the life of women in Hawaii. She said that there were many different nationalities among the women in Hawaii. The principal races are the whites, the native Hawaiians, the Portuguese, Chinese & Japanese. The white women are the descendants of the missionary mothers and have inherited much of their missionary spirit. They are very capable and admirable women, and take great interest in religious and educational work for the native Hawaiians. The speaker then described the picturesque dress of the Hawaiian women, told of their love for flowers, color and music. They are extremely indolent but withal honest and contented. large families are the rule among them. The Chinese women are very much like those that we see in San Francisco. The Japanese women are the only ones that can be relied on for domestic service.

At the conclusion of her talk, she was voted the thanks of the club.

Mrs. Zschocker (sic) introduced Mrs. CRane, a stranger in Palo Alto, who wished to present her work, that of physical culture and elocution to the members of the club.

Meeting adjourned.

Anita Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, Nov. 17, '97

P. McKee

The meeting was called to order by the President. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President announced that it was not considered expedient to take up the time of the club with the parliamentary drill which it had been proposed should occupy the first fifteen minutes of the meeting. If any ten members desired the drill and would so signify to the President, she would see that a time was arranged for it.

An Amendment to the Constitution was passed, changing the time of the annual meeting to the third Wed. in Sept.

Mrs. Geo. Davidson of San Francisco, who was announced to speak on the Bacon-Shakespeare controversy, being unable to be present on account of ill health, Miss McGillivray, a member of the club kindly consented to take her place as the speaker for the afternoon. The club is always delighted to have the opportunity of listening to Miss McGillivray.

Her subject was the Orkney Islands. She gave an account of a visit she had made to relatives there. Her description of the people, their queer customs, manner of living, etc. was extremely interesting.

The President thanked the speaker in the name of the club and there being no further announcements, the club adjourned.

Anita Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, Dec. 1, 1897

P. McKee

The club met at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presideing.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Prof. Griggs was introduced and addressed the club on "The influence of the Teacher and the Parent on Moral Education." He endeavored to impress upon his hearers the idea that morality is not merely the avoidance of positive faults, but is a positive unfolding of the human character in accord with the universe. We act in relation to the world and therefore our ethical instruction must be related to the environment of the child. Prof. Griggs also said many good things about the relation of the child to the parent, and the child to the teacher.

The talk was profitable as well as interesting and at its conclusion Prof. Griggs received the club's most hearty thanks.

Club adjourned.

Anita Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, Dec. 15th, 97

P. McKee

The routine of lectures was broken into very pleasantly by a reception tendered the club by Mrs. C. O. Southard in the parlors of the Palo Alto Hotel.. About seventy of the club members and their friends enjoyed the hospitality of the hostess.

A highly enjoyable musical program had been arranged and between numbers refreshments were served.

Anita L. Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, Jan. 5th, 1898

P. McKee

The club met at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The question of joining the National Federation of Woman's Clubs was the subject under discussion for the day. Mrs. E. O. Smith of San Jose, Chairman of the State Correspondence Committee, appeared before the club and presented the work and aims of the Federation.

The object of the Federation is to make all the clubs of the country one kin. The clubs are kept in constant communication with the Federation and by being united, one club receives strength from another. The Federation meets once in two year. The next biennial will be held at Denver, in June of this year. Delegates will probably be sent from all the clubs.

The only requirement for membership is the payment of ten dollars every two years.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Smith's talk, the matter was discussed by the members of the club. All seemed to be favorable to the proposition. Hannah Bean of San Jose was present as a visitor and being invited to address the club, spoke a few words in favor of the Federation.

There being no quorum, through a misunderstanding of the club meeting, a decision in the matter had to be postponed to the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Anita L. Corbert

Palo Alto, Jan. 19th, 1898

P. McKee

The regular meeting of the club was held at the usual time and place, Mrs. Campbell presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The first business on hand was the matter of joining the National Federation of Woman's Clubs. As the question had been fully discussed at a previous meeting, it was at once moved and carried that the club join the Federation.

The following Amendment to the Constitution was offered action to be taken at the next regular meeting.

To Art. VIII, Sec. I

Eleven members of the club shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers, and for the amendment of the Constitution. A majority vote shall be required for both these purposes.

There being no further business, the remainder of the time was devoted to a lecture by Dr. Jordan on Self-Activity with its application to every day affairs. He said that action is the law of life. Wherever there is a loss of it, there follows degeneracy. Work that has no initiative, that has no thought or heart in it is not the proper kind of action for full development. With women it is often difficult to find something to do that will give this necessary action. This, however, is not the case with the members of the Woman's Club. There is enough community work to occupy the attention of every woman in Palo Alto. Degeneracy should not enter here.

The President thanked Dr. Jordan in behalf of the club and announced Dr. Graybill as the speaker for the next meeting.

Adjourned.

Anita L. Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, Feb. 2, 98

P. McKee

The club was called to order by the President and the minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Const. Amendment proposed at the previous meeting be adopted. Motion was carried by a large majority.

Dr. Graybill addressed the club on "The Woman and the Moment." The woman movement, he said, has given the world two things, the conception of woman as being useful and the idea that man has a heart. These two conceptions have made this humanity's hour. to be useful then, and to take up the work of the heart, he considered the duty of the Woman's Club. The speaker gave an interesting account of some excellent work done by a few women in Trinidad, Col., in the establishment of a Free Reading Room and Library, as he thought their experience should be encouraging to the Palo Alto Club in its Reading Room work.

Following Dr. Graybill's very valuable talk, interesting remarks on the Club work were made by various members present.

Mrs. Gilbert gave a short report on the present status of the Reading Room.

A visitor from Idaho, Mrs. Young, is an earnest speaker and the Club found her short talk very inspiring.

The Club adjourned with the announcement of Prof. Anderson as the speaker for the next meeting.

Anita L. Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, Feb. 16, 1898

P. McKee

The Club was called to order by the President, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Miss McBride of Oakland gave a recitation after which Prof. Anderson considered the subject of "The Real and the Ideal in Literary Art." One of the new books of the year, "Les Deracines, was taken as an example of a great realistic story. The speaker gave a brief outline of the story, told how it had impressed him and wherein he thought it had failed as an artistic production. His conclusions were the Literature embodies both the real and the ideal, for one is the substance and the other is the spirit.

Prof. Anderson's address concluded, the President presented the matter of adopting the Reading Room. On motion of Mrs. Zschokke, it was resolved that the Club do adopt the Reading Room.

Adjourned.

Anita Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, March 2nd, 1898

P. McKee

The Club met as usual, Mrs. Campbell presiding.

After the reading of the minutes, Mrs. Bingham, a friend of the Club from Fresno, was introduced and read an interesting paper on "A Woman's Club in the Mountains of North Carolina."

The informal debate announced as the program for the afternoon was on the questions, Resolved: "That Youth is the Happiest Time of Life," and was led by Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Campbell. Considerable fun was had, and the debate being open to the Club, quite a lively discussion followed.

Palo Alto, March 16, 1898

P. McKee

The President being absent on account of illness, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Gilbert, Chairman of the Library Department.

After a song by Mrs. Wright, Prof. Mary Roberts Smith discussed the subject of **Household Finance**. She said that women instead of being producers as they were in the days of our grandmothers are more and more becoming consumers or expenders of money and therefore the question of how to spend money has come to be an important point in the management of the household. Practical questions were taken up, such as, the relations with tradesmen. The best way to buy, the most convenient and economical way to pay bills, the advantages of keeping accounts. In speaking of accounts, Mrs. Smith explained a very simple method of bookkeeping which housewives would find useful and convenient.

The lecture was very interesting and brought out many suggestions and remarks from the Club.

As there was no business to be transacted, the Club was adjourned.

Anita L. Corbert, Sec.

Palo Alto, April 6th, 1898

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at the usual time and place with the president in the Chair. The Sec'y being absent, the president appointed Mrs. J. F. Parkinson Sec'y pro tem.

The president spoke of the coming elections of officers also of the advisability of changing officers, excepting those of Treasurer and Librarian.

A motion was carried authorizing the president to appoint a nominating Committee. The Committee consisted of Mrs. M. R. Smith (Chairman), Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Thorbrun, Mrs. Kassen, Mrs. McClelland, Miss McGillvary, Mrs. Johnson, and Miss Webb.

The speaker for the day, Dr. Brannier, was then introduced and gave a very interesting and instructive talk about a trip up the Paraguay River. He gave quite in detail the characteristics of the country and people along the banks and brought out the difference in different localities.

At the close of the lecture questions were asked and answered after which the Club listened to a very pretty solo by Miss Wilson. The Pres. announced the Concert of the Melba Choral for Friday evening, April, 22nd. The Club then adjourned to meet April 20th.

Mrs. J. F. Parkinson
Sec'y, Pro Tem

Palo Alto, April 20th [1898--no date given]

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met as usual.

Reading of minutes of previous meeting.

Mrs. F. J. Davidson, a talk on Art

Mr. Irving E. Outcalt, two poems of Browning

[no signature, looks like Mrs. Parkinson's handwriting not Mrs. Corbert's, but not necessarily]

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[No date, probably May 4, 1898]

P. McKee

Amendment to the Constitution was passed providing for an Initiation Fee of two dollars for new members. To take effect after Sept. 21, 98.

Mrs. A. L. Corbert, Sec'y, pro tem

Palo Alto, May 18th, 1898

P. McKee

The last meeting of the Woman's Club for the year was devoted to a musicale at the Methodist Church.

The president, Mrs. Campbell, being absent on account of illness, Mrs. Gilbert presided. Mrs. Malcolm talked to the Club on the subject of Red Cross Work and announced that a meeting would be held, Thursday, May 26th to organize a Palo Alto Red Cross Society.

Mrs. Dyer was elected alternate delegate to the Biennial Convention at Denver, June of the National Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Mrs. Wright had charge of the programme which included choruses by the Melba Choral, selections by the Cecilian Quartette and a solo by Miss Lunt which was highly appreciated.

Club adjourned until Sept. 7, 98

Mrs. E. L. Corbert, Sec'y, pro tem

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Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

September 1898 to August 1899

No. of board meetings:

Board: Mmes. Parkinson, Hutchinson, Corbert, Dodge, Campbell, Gilbert, Dyer

Departments and Chairs

Scilence & Education: Bingham

Art & Literature: Culver

Philanthropy: Dyer

Household Economics: Mitchell

Public Library and Reading Room: Gilbert

Village Improvement:

Membership:

The names of all 143 members of the Women's Club of Palo Alto
is listed on the following three pages

Action/Events

Annual meeting and reception (Oct.5)

Library report (Oct.5)

Meetings to be held at Fraternal Hall (Oct.5)

Kipling Tea (Dec.7,21)

Shakespeare Tea (Feb.1)

Speakers

Prof. Abbott spoke on the "Thames Conservancy." (Oct.19)

Prof. Starbuck spoke on "The Physical Training of Children." (Nov.9)

Prof. McFarland spoke on "Neopolitan Life." (Nov.23)

Mrs. Gleason of the Ebell Society spoke on "Magazine Illustrations." (Dec.7)

Mrs. Jessie Anderson spoke on "Voice Culture." (Dec. 21)

Mrs. J. B. Holden, S.F., spoke on the "Education of the Deaf." (Jan.4)

Rev. Chaarles Gardner spoke on the "Ideal Home." (Jan.13)

Prof. A. J. Newcomer spoke on "Walter Savage Landor." (Feb.1)

Mrs. S. A. Osborn spoke on "The Woman's Club of Denver." (Feb.15)

Miss Sara Severence, Pacific Grove, spoke on "The Scientific and Educational
Features of the W.C.T.U." (Mar.1)

Prof. Letter spoke on "Character and Wages." (Mar.18)

Mrs. Campbell spoke on Charlotte Perkin's book "Women and Economics." (Apr.10)

Mr. Toby spoke on "A California Man's Idea of the South." (May 3)

Mrs. L.C. Place, San Jose, spoke on "Methods of Presenting Religious Truths to
Children." (May 17)

The above dates, such as (Oct. 5), identifying where
information will correspond to dates in the minutes
written as "Palo Alto, October 5th, 1898."

Palo Alto, Sept. 7, 1898

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met pursuant to adjournment, at the usual time and place. In the absence of Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hutchinson presided.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved. A letter from Mrs. Campbell who was in Skaguay was read by Mrs. Gilbert.

It was decided to hold a social reception at the Annual Meeting Sept. 21st and committees were appointed, as follows:

Decoration	Mesdames Dayan, Rosebrook, and Bell
Refreshment	Mesdames Parkinson (G), Dyer and Leake
Entertainment	Mesdames Wright & Jagger

Mrs. Hutchinson announced that the Fraternal Hall Committee had kindly consented to allow us the use of the Hall for the afternoon.

Mrs. A. L. Corbert, Sec'y, pro tem

Palo Alto, October 5th, 1898

P. McKee

The Annual Meeting and reception of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto was held at Fraternal Hall, Wednesday Sept 21st 1898 at 3 P.M. Mrs. Hutchinson presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Annual report of the treasurer was read and approved.

The Chairman of the Public Library and Reading Room gave a full account of the financial standing, and number of books, contained in the Library. And made a strong plea for more periodicals. Miss McGillvary gave a short and interesting account of her interview with Madame Modjeska who had been invited to give a benefit for the Public Library; the names of the members elect were read by the presiding officer. After which the afternoon was devoted to the receiving and entertaining the guests and members of the Club.

A very delightful musical programme under the direction of Mesdames Wright and Jagger comprising violin solos by Miss Grace Barstow of San Jose, and vocal numbers by Miss Lunt. Also a piano solo by Mrs Starback. The profusion of beautiful cut flowers, potted palms and other plants as artistically arranged by the committee composed of Mesdames Dayan, Rosebrook, and Bell, added much to the enjoyment of the occasion under the direction of Mesdames Parkinson, Dyer, Leake. Delicious refreshments were served in the "Tea Room" to about 150 ladies. A large number of new members were added to the Club.

Olive Dodge, Sec'y

A meeting of the executive board was called at the close of the regular meeting, five members being present, Mrs. Hutchinson presiding. The object of the meeting was to decide whether we should hold our regular meetings in Fraternal Hall. After a thorough discussion of the subject, the Secretary was instructed to engage the Hall for the first and third Wednesday of each month for the year.

Olive Dodge
Secretary

Palo Alto, October 19th, 1898 [Department of Philanthropy]

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Palo Alto, Cal., Nov. 9th, 1898
(Department "Science and Education" Mrs. Bingham)

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A vote of thanks was tendered by the Club: A resolution of condolence was ordered sent to our bereaved sister, and member, Mrs. Js. Worthy (Washy?)

Approved

Olive Dodge,

Sec'y

Palo Alto, November 23rd, 1898
(Department of "Household Economics" Mrs. H. Mitchell)

P. McKee

The Club was called to order by the Vice-president, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Kidlet Trio gave a solo.

Prof. McFarland was then introduced and gave a talk on "Neapolitan Life" and his five months stay in Naples. A vote of thanks was tendered by the Club.

Moved and seconded that a resolution of condolence be sent our sister member Mrs. Louisa House.

After which the Club adjourned for the fifteen minute social and to meet on November 23rd

Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

Members of the Woman's Club
October 1898

1. xMrs. C. C. Anderson, Charlotte
2. xMiss M. Brothers
3. xMiss C. R. Brothers, Carrie
4. xMiss Isabelle Butler *
5. Mrs. J. F. Byxbee, Maggie
6. xMrs. R. B. Bell, Eva F.
7. xMrs. J. S. Butler, Isabel
8. Mrs. P. E. Belknap, Philena E. x
9. xMrs. C. G. Brown, Carrie Grant Brown
10. Mrs. F. Blackmare
11. Mrs. Kath. J. Bingham
12. Mrs. Jary J. Campbell x
13. xMrs. Minnie B. Culver, J. O. x
14. xMrs. Annie S. Corbert
15. Mrs. E. H. Charles, Amelia S.
16. xMiss Anita L. Corbert *
17. Mrs. Calderwood, Isador M.
18. xMrs. C. J. Carey, Lucy x
19. Mrs. R. J. Camp
20. Mrs. J. W. Dayan, Mattie I.
21. xMrs. W. C. Dibble, Gertrude S. *
22. xMrs. S.. A. Dyer, Susanna G. x
23. Mrs. L. Dahl, Annie
24. Mrs. H. D. Dodge, Olive, Pamela x
25. Mrs. H. J. Diggles
26. xMiss J. A. Denton, Jane *
27. Mrs. Wm. Dean, Blanche *
28. xMrs. F. V. Drake, Mary
29. xMrs. L. D. Emerson, Lizzie D.
30. xMiss Florence Emerson
31. xMrs. Kath. C. Evans x
32. Mrs. J. F. Fuller, Dora V,
33. Mrs. W. E. Farmer
34. xMrs. C. C. Furbush, Celina C. *
35. Mrs. D. E. Fulsome
36. xMrs. C. F. Gilman, Kate x
37. Mrs. C. H. Gilbert, Julia R.
38. xMrs. E. L. Greenleaf, Eliza L.
39. Mrs. S. C. Gibson, Minnie
40. xMrs. H. L. Gibson, Alice (Menlo Park)
41. xMrs. C. J. Gordon, Martha x
42. Mrs. G. W. Holly, Lucy B. x
43. xMrs. B. H. Hall, Addie C. * x
44. Mrs. Joseph Hutchinson, Kate K.
45. Mrs. [can't read] Hawse [?] Louisa K.----crossed out
46. Miss Francis A. Hamilton (Mayfield)-----crossed out
47. Mrs. M. C. Hodges, Myrtis
48. Mrs. Pauline Hall

49. Mrs. F. G. Hyde-----crossed out
50. Mrs. J. A. Hasurer
51. Miss Mabel Hosmer
52. Mrs. Annie Hook
53. Mrs. C. E. Hughes
54. xMrs. Lillian V. Jagger
55. Mrs. Florence Johnston-----crossed out
56. Mrs. W. F. Johnson
57. Mrs. C. E. Kemp, Caroline E x
58. Mrs. F. A. Kasson, Frances
59. Mrs. H. Kandle [can't read]-----crossed out
60. Miss Emma Kellogg
61. Mrs. W. H. Kellogg, Mabel-----crossed out
62. Mrs. H. D. Kellogg, Sarah-----crossed out
63. Mrs. E. A. Kidder, Eliza *
64. xMrs. Edward Loder, Ella
65. xMrs. R. F. Leake, Emma
66. Miss Jennie [can't read]-----crossed out
67. Mrs. G. B. Little, Jessie Dunbar
68. Mrs. C. Layes, Kate
69. Miss Florence Layes-----crossed out
70. Mrs. N. E. Malcom, Vernelia *
71. Mrs. Julia C. McIntosh x
Mrs. N. H. Smith, Abbie C.
Mrs. Anne Aeworth
72. xMrs. George McCartney, Delia x
73. Mrs. S. A. Moulton
74. xMrs. Harriet A. Mitchell x-----crossed out
75. Miss Helen McGillivray-----crossed out
76. xMiss Katherine Mertz x-----crossed out
77. Mrs. John P. Mitchell, Lydia
78. Mrs. J. L. Merguire, Elizabeth-----crossed out
79. Mrs. George L. Merguire, Myrtle
Mrs. A. S. Neal (Redwood City)
80. Mrs. Georgia Ostrander
81. Mrs. Myra C. Peck
82. Mrs. John Parkinson, Mazee
83. xMrs. B. Parkinson, Nina
84. xMrs. Geo. R. Parkinson, Clarinda x
85. xMrs. R. A. Patterson, Frances H.
86. Mrs. Pitman, Carrie-----crossed out
87. xMrs. G. H. Rosebrook, Mary F. *
88. Mrs. H. ritchie, Sarah x
89. Mrs. D. L. Sloan, V. E. x
90. Mrs. A. C. Stephens, Minnie
91. Mrs. Mary R. Smith
92. Mrs. Jartha J. sould
93. Mrs. J. F. Sprugeon, Margaret M.
94. xMrs. B. F. Suiter, Mayne Bass
95. Mrs. F. W. sherman, Ellen x
96. Mrs. A. W. Show
Mrs. S. L.Strong, Sarah
97. Mrs. A. R. Story, Mary M.
98. Mrs. Juliet Stark x

99. xMrs. Edgar A. Soper, Jennie K. x
100. Miss Helen Spaulding
101. Mrs. E. J. Smith, Eliza
102. Mrs. F. Southwick (Mayfield)
103. Mrs. W. W. Thoburn, Harriett
104. Mrs. S. S. Townsend, Sarah
105. Mrs. Julius Tourney, Helen
106. Mrs. Francis H. Taylor
107. Mrs. A. Van Kanthoven, Adrien *-----crossed out
108. Mrs. E. Varner, Mabel (Menlo Park)
109. xMrs. Genevieve H. Wright
110. xMrs. E. F. Weischarr, Minnie E. *
111. xMrs. G. B. Worrell, Augusta L. x
112. xMrs. J. S. Walthy, Jessie *
113. Mrs. Annie P. Zschokky [sic]
114. Mrs. S. L. Strong, Sarah
115. xMrs. A. S. Neale, Marguerite (Redwood City) x
116. xMrs. Frederick Bowles, Abbie (Menlo Park) x
117. xMrs. Geo. A. Batchelder, Mae (Fair Oaks) x
118. xMrs. L. N. Thompson
119. Mrs. F. B. Dunne [not sure of spelling]
120. xMrs. A. J. Villain, Hattie (Redwood City) x
121. Mrs. S. A. Osborn, Frances W.
122. xMrs. S. K. Bradford, Sallie, J. L. x
123. Mrs. Anne Aeworth
124. Mrs. W. H. Smith
125. Mrs. Luther Beal, Abbie x
126. Martha Kane *
127. Mrs. Josephine Lynn *
128. Mrs. Geraldine Frisbie (Menlo Park)
129. Georgiana B. Ford
130. Mrs. R. J. Camp, Rhoda
131. Mrs. G. Harris
Sept. 19 Mrs. E. B. Turner
132. Mrs. Charles Thompson, Jennie B.
133. Mrs. L. M. Derby
Oct. 3 Dr. Caroline L. Guild
134. Mrs. A. A. Gossett 1900
135. Mrs. M. A. Tetro
136. Mrs. M. J. Greene (155 Lytton Ave.)
137. Mrs. H. M. Rebok, Edna (Toledo, Iowa [sic]--must mean Ohio)
138. Lillian Allen
139. Mrs. G. S. Bray
Mrs. Bartruff, Isabell
140. Mrs. Leslie G. Burwell
141. [Mrs.?] Henry Carmer
L. A. Derdfield
142. L. M. Derby-----crossed out
J. J. Morris
143. Geo. S. Parkinson
J. E. Sloan
Abbie Vallette
Harriet Rillsburg---crossed out

Palo Alto, October 19th, 1898 [Department of Philanthropy]

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Olive Dodge, Sec'y

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Sec'y

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Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

December 7th, 1898
(Department--Art and Literature, Mrs. Culver)

P. McKee

The Club was called to order by the President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

After songs by Miss Lunt and Mrs. Silsby, Mrs. Culver, Chairman of the Department of Art and Literature, introduced Mrs. Gleason, a member of the Ebell Society of Oakland, who spoke on magazine illustrations exhibiting a great many illustrations from magazines, the work of the different illustrators, namely Gibson, Remington, Smedly, and others, pointing out the different characteristics of each, and the superiority of American work over foreign. The thanks of the Club was tendered the speaker. Mrs. Gilbert announced a "Kipling Tea" to be given at the home of Mrs. Patterson on Dec. 3rd.

[no conclusion]

December 21st, 1898
(Department of Philanthropy)

P. McKee

The President and vice-president being absent, the Club was called to order by Mrs. Gilbert, Chairman of the Library Department.

The meeting was opened with a song by Mrs. Wriht and Miss Lunt, accompanied by Miss Tourney.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Jessie Calhoun Anderson gave a short talk on "Voice Culture." And also gave a number of selected, which were very much enjoyed.

A report of the proceeds from the "Kipling Tea" was then read, and an announcement of a "Stevenson Tea" to be given in January.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Anderson by the Club.

And an adjournment until Dec. 21st, the next regular Club day.

Olive Dodge
Sect'y
[date incorrect above???)

January 4th, 1899
(Science and Education)

P. McKee

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Sanderson entertained the Club with vocal solos. After which Mrs. Bingham, Chairman of the department of Science and Education introduced Mrs. J. B. Holden of San Francisco, who gave a brief history of the education of the deaf in this country. Especially of the rise and progress of the oral method. By this method deaf children are taught speech instead of the sign language.

Mrs. Holden's address was followed by a discussion in which many of the members took part with lively interest.

A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker after which the Club adjourned to meet--

January 4th.
Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

January 18th, 1899
(Art and Literature; Home and Household Economics)

P. McKee

The Club met at usual time. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. After New Years Greeting by the President, the Rev. Charles Gardner addressed the Club on the "Ideal Home" And also read Massey's beautiful poem, "Wedded Love."

After quite a little discussion in reference to different points brought forth in the address: the speaker was tendered the thanks of the Club

Adjourned.

January eighteenth 1899
Olive Dodge
Sec.

February First 1899
(Art and Literature)

P. McKee

The Club met at usual time and place. Minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Notice of the Shakespeare Tea was announced by the vice-president. And resolutions of sympathy were passed for our bereaved sister and member, Mrs. Harriet Thoburn. And secretary ordered to draw up same. *Mrs. Rush sang a delightful little "Cradle Song" after which Mrs. Culver* introduced Prof. A. G. Newcomer of Stanford University who addressed the Club on "Walter Savage Landor" a writer little known, his writing being of the classical order. A hundred [?] persons would know of and read Dickens' works where one would know Landor. He preferred to live apart from men of letters but wrote until his death which occurred at Florence, Italy, in 1864, he being then in his 90th year.

Olive Dodge, Sec.

Palo Alto, February 15th, 1899

P. McKee

The Club met at the usual time, February 1st. In the absence of the 1st vice-president, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dyer, Chairman of the Department of Philanthropy. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. S. A. Osborn, a member of the Woman's Club of Denver, was then introduced, who read a very instructive paper on the membership, the different departments and the interests of the Denver Woman's Club in general. Thanks of the Club was tendered the Speaker.

After a solo by Mr. Wright, the Club adjourned for the usual social gathering.

Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

Palo Alto, March 1st, 1899

P. McKee

The regular meeting of the Club was held at usual time and place. Vice President in the Chair. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. After a solo by Miss Lunt, Mrs. Bingham, Chairman of the Department of Education and Science, introduced Miss Sara M. Severance of Pacific Grove, who gave a talk on "The Scientific and Educational features of the W. C. T. U." The formal resignation of the President was read and [sic] accepted by the Club. And a resolution passed that the secretary express the regrets of the Club to the retiring President: Resolved: that the sympathy of the Club be extended to our bereaved sister, Mrs. B. Parkinson. And the secretary instructed to notify her of same. The thanks of the Club tendered to Miss Lunt and Miss Severance.

Adjourned.

Olive Dodge
Sec'y

Palo Alto, Wednesday, March 15, 1899

P. McKee

The Club met at the usual time, V President in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mrs. Mitchell, chairman of the Department of Home and Household, introduces Prof. Letter of Leland Stanford Jr. University who gave a very interesting address on "Character and Wages"--and after a solo by Mrs. Silsby, the thanks of the Club was tendered both speaker and soloist.

Resolutions of sympathy to our sister member, Mrs. Varney, was passed after which the Club adjourned.

Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

Wednesday, April 5th, 1899

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at the usual time on March 15th, Mrs. Corbert in the Chair. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. A report from the Chairman of the Village improvement committee was read after which Mrs. Culver, Chairman of the Department of Art and Literature, announced the inability of Miss Roth to give the Browning readings. Under the direction of Mrs. Wright, a delightful musical programme was given--a piano solo by Mrs. Jagger, violin solos by Mr. Fisher and two vocal solos by Dr. Little.

After the reading of the Constitution the Club adjourned.

Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

Palo Alto, April 19th, 1899

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at the usual time and place April 5th, Mrs. Corbert in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. After a duett [sic] by the Misses Wright and Warren, Mrs. Dyer, Chairman of the Department of Philanthropy, presened our former President, Mrs. Campbell, who gave a very interesting review of Charlotte Perkins Stetson's book, "Woman and Economics" which brought forth quite a spirited discussion and some very pointed opinions.

A business meeting was then held on a nominating comitee [sic] elected to nominate officers for the election in May. The Committee consisting of Mrs. Geo. Parkinson, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Culver, Miss M. Brothers, Mrs. Holly; Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Dyer were nominated but withdrew and a motion made and carried that the secretary cast the deciding vote. The action of the board in regard to the Testimonial Entertainment was endorsed by the Club. And the announcement made for said entertainment to take place April 24th.

Announcement also made that the Constitution had been printed and ready for distribution.

Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

Palo Alto, May 3rd, 1899

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at usual place Wednesday April 19th Mrs. Corbert in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

After a solo Mrs. Geo. Parkinson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following names for election on Wednesday May 3rd.

President	Mrs. J. O. Culver
Vice President at Large	Mrs. M. G. Campbell
1st Vice President	Mrs. C. H. Gilbert
2nd Vice President	Mrs. S. A. Dyer
3rd Vice President	Mrs. Joseph Hutchinson
Secretary	Mrs. Hudson Dodge
Treasurer	Mrs. L. D. Emerson

The Chairman of the day being absent, Mrs. Corbert introduced Mr. Toby who gave a very able and interesting talk on "A California Man's Idea of the South."

The thanks of the Club was extended the speaker.

Number of guests present 12.

Olive Dodge
Secty

Palo Alto, May 17th, 1899

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at usual time May 3rd Mrs. Corbert in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

After music by Mrs. Jagger, Mrs. Wright, and Mr. Wright, Mrs. Corbert announced the annual election of officers for the ensuing year to be in order.

Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Rosebrook being appointed tellers. The original ticket being:

President	Mrs. J. O. Culver
Vice President at Large	Mrs. M. G. Campbell
1st Vice President	Mrs. C. H. Gilbert
2nd Vice President	Mrs. S. A. Dyer
3rd Vice President	Mrs. Joseph Hutchinson

Mrs. Gilbert's name as first vice-president was withdrawn in order that she retain the chairmanship of Library and reading room. And Mrs. Dyer's name substituted. Mrs. Hutchinson declined to serve. And nominations for second and third vice president were called for Mrs. Little, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. Bradford, and Mrs. Rosebrook's names were proposed. Mrs. Little receiving the majority of votes was declared elected Second Vice-President. Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Bradford having a tie vote, the secretary drew lots and Mrs. Bradford declared elected 3rd vice-president.

Mrs. Mitchell, Chairwoman of Home and Household department, then introduced Mrs. L. C. Place of San Jose who addressed the Club on the "Methods of presenting religious truths to children." A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for her interesting and instructive address.

Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

May 17th, 1899

New Board of Managers

President
Vice President at Large
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
3rd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Mrs. M. B. Culver [her initials changed?]
Mrs. M. G. Campbell
Mrs. Mrs. S. A. Dyer
Mrs. J. D. Little
Mrs. S. K. Bradford
Mrs. O. P
Mrs. L. D. Emerson

Department Chairmen

Home and Household Economics
Education and Science
Philanthropy
Art and Literature
Village Improvement
Musical Committee
Social Committee

Visiting Committee

Mrs. F. W. Sherman
Mrs. A. L. Corbert
Miss G. B. Ford
Miss Isabelle Butler
Chairman
Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Jagger
Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Jagger,
Mrs. Leake, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Geo. Parkinson
Mrs. Sloan, Chairman

Women's Club of Palo Alto 475 Homer Ave. Palo Alto, Ca.94301
Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

September 1899 to May 1900

No. of board meetings: 11

Board: Mrs. Culver, Pres.; Mrs. Campbell, V.P.; Mmes. Dyer, Little, Bradford, Emerson

Departments and Chairs

Home & Household: Sherman

Education & Science: Corbert

Philanthropy: Ford

Art & Literature: Butler

Village Improvement: Green

Musical Committee: Wright & Jagger

Social: Hutchinson, Hodges, Parkinson

Visiting: Sloan

Action/Events

Petition from Cal. Club to appoint a woman physician to the Asylum for Insane. (Nov.1)

Club colors chosen-silver and cardinal. (Nov.1)

Vote on Club constitution (Dec.6)

Village Improvement department (Dec. 20)

Art Social (Jan.17)

Palo Alto Club joins State Federation (Feb.1)

Amend Club constitution (Apr.18)

Nomination and election of Officers (May 2, 16)

Speakers

Miss Flora Bell of Oakland spoke on "Ceramics." (Sept. 29)

Mr. Burnell spoke on "The Part of the Household in the Religious Training of Children." (Oct.18)

Mrs. Prudence Brown spoke on "What may be Expected of Children." (Nov.1)

Mrs. Ruth Murray from New York spoke on "Methods of Benefiting Our Fellow man." (Nov.15)

Prof. Mary Roberts Smith spoke on "Home Decorating and Furnishing." (Dec. 20)

Prof. Goebel spoke on "German Folk Song." (Jan.3)

Mrs. Culver spoke on "Knighthood." (Feb.7)

Mrs. Comstock spoke on "The Effect of Nature Study on Children." (Feb. 21)

Prof. Webster spoke on "The Hope of Progress." (Mar.7)

Rev. Henry Fisk spoke on "The Work of the People's Place in S.F." (Mar. 21)

Prof. Fllugel spoke on artist "Ludwig Richter." (Apr.4)

Mr. Hansen of Berkeley spoke on "Park and Street Improvements." (Apr.18)

Miss Whitaker of S. F. spoke on "Food and Its Relation to Health." (Apr.18)

Mr. E. Bassett recited poems of James Riley. (May 2)

Prof. Mary Roberts Smith spoke on "The New York School of Philanthropy." (May 16)

Mrs. Campbell spoke on her visit to Hull House and eastern women's clubs. (May 16)

The above dates, such as (Sept. 29), identifying where
information will correspond to dates in the minutes
written as "Palo Alto, September 29th, 1898."

September 29th, 1899

P. McKee

The Club met at the usual time and place May 17th. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Culver, Chairman of Art and Literature presiding, introducing Miss Flora Bell of Oakland, who addressed the Club on "Ceramics," discussing the ancient Chinese and Japanese, also Haviland Bellek [sic, I don't think that's correct spelling] and rookwood Chinas, and the art of decorating and firing them. At the conclusion of which Miss Emabelle Zuker gave Longfellow's beautiful poem "Keramos" [sic?]

The Misses Spurgeon and Kimball sang "Oh! That we were Maying"

This being the last meeting of the year, the year's work was closed.

The next meeting of the new year to be held in September.

Olive Dodge
Secty

Palo Alto, October 4th, 1899

P. McKee

The Annual Reception of the Woman's Club was held at Fraternity Hall, September twentieth, Mrs. Hutchinson presiding.

Reports of the Departments of Philanthropy, Home and Household Economics, Art and Literature, also Library, and Secretary's were read and final report of the Chairman of Village Improvement.

A delightful musical programme under the direction of Mrs. Wright comprising a song by Mrs. Silsby, violin solo by Mrs. Scoville, songs with piano and violin accompaniment by Mrs. Wright.

The Main Hall was beautiful with its profusion of pepper tree boughs and Cam...?
The Tea-room being artistically decorated with grapes on vines, hops, clematis, and pansies.

An invitation having been extended to the President of the Menlo Park Club, about twenty members accepted, all expressing themselves as highly delighted with their afternoon spent with us.

Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

Palo Alto, October 18th, 1899

P. McKee

The Club was called to order by the President. Minutes of the two preceeding meetings were read and approved. A communication from the Woman's Club of Menlo Park was read.

After a vocal solo by Mrs. Silsby, the Treasurer's report was read.

Mrs. Gilbert then read the report of our former President, Mrs. Mary G. Campbell, which was intensely interesting, extending through the years from 1894 to 1899.

Mrs. Sherman, Chairman of the Home Department, then introduced Mr. Burwell, the speaker of the day who addressed the club on "The Part of the Home in the religious training of Children" which was highly instructive and interesting.

A vote of thanks was given the speaker.

After which in a delightful little speech on behalf of the Executive Board, and the name of the Club, Mrs. Gilbert presented the secretary with a beautiful water color picture of "Poppies" painted by Mrs. Culver the President.

Olive Dodge
Secretary

Palo Alto, November 1st, 1899

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at usual time and place, President in the chair (Music) Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Communication from the California Club advocating the appointment of a woman physician (???) Asylums for the insane and asking that a signed petition be sent (to His Excellency, the governor, and to the Honourable State Commissioner in Lunacy;--to the Board of Managers, and the Medical Superintendent of the State Hospitals for the Insane; from the Woman's Club of Palo Alto. A motion made and carried that we sign and forward said petition. The President then suggested that we choose a club color or colors. At motion of Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Bradford, Cardinal and Silver was adopted. Mrs. Corbert, Chairman of the Department of Science and Education, then introduced Mrs. Prudence Brown who gave a very instructive talk on "What may be expected of children," giving many helpful suggestions to mothers.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Brown after which the Club adjourned for a short social session.

Approved.

Olive Dodge, Secretary

Palo Alto, November 15th, 1899

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 1st, President in the Chair. Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Club correspondence then read and discussed. Miss Ford, Chairman of the Department of Philanthropy, introduced Mrs. Ruth Murray of N. Y. who addressed the Club on "Methods of Benefitting our fellow men" which was intensely interesting to all. The thanks of the Club was tendered Mrs. Murray.

After the reading of amendments to the Constitution.

And a vocal solo by Miss Alice Spurgeon, the Club adjourned to meet November 15th.

Approved.

Olive Dodge,
Secretary

December Sixth, 1899

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met in regular session Wednesday, November 15th, President in the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

After a "solo" by Mrs. Wright, Club correspondence was called for and read. Voting to amend Article III, Section I, Article V, Section 2, and to further amend Article V, Section III was then in order, voted upon and carried.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather only a few being present, the Address by Professor Webster on the "Hope of Progress" was postponed and the time pleasantly passed in a social chat with Mrs. W. D. Hall about life in Dawson (?)

Approved.

Olive Dodge,
Secretary

December 20th, 1899

P. McKee

The regular meeting of the Club was held at usual time and place December sixth, President in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved, and club correspondence then read.

A full house greeted Professor Mary Roberts Smith who first favored the Club with ancient songs. Then under the Department of House and Household Economics addressed the Club on "Home decorating and furnishing" which was very interesting and brought out many remarks from members.

Before adjourning the resignation of the Village Improvement Department was read, and a Special Board meeting called, to be held at close of regular meeting.

Approved.

Olive Dodge,
Secretary

January 3rd, 1900
"New Years Greeting"

The Woman's club met at the regular time Wednesday Dec. 20th. Meeting called to order by the President; minutes of last meeting read. After which Mrs. Lenny (?) of San Francisco favored the Club with two vocal solos accompanied by Mrs. Jagger. The afternoon being under the department of Art and Literature, Prof. Goebel spoke of modern "German Folk Song" and reading a number of beautiful songs.

There being no correspondence (sic) or other business the meeting adjourned for usual Social, Approved.

Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

January 17th, 1900

Instead of the regular lecture, an Art social was given on Jan. 17th by members of the Club--a delightful afternoon was spent by all. The farce entitled "A Fair Encounter" was given by the Misses Alice Day and Paula Wright. Mrs. Silsby sang "Midsummer's Dreams" accompanied by Mrs. Jagger. Tea was served by Mrs. Parkinson and Mrs. Leake, assisted by members of the Club. The Hall was beautifully decorated with the club colors, cardinal and silver.

The sketches loaned by Richard Kieth (sic) Culver and Alaskan views loaned by Dr. Pillsbury were much enjoyed.

Approved
Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

February 7th, 1900

The Club met Jan. 3rd (sic?) at regular time and place, President in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The music of the day being English Ballads by Mrs. Wright.

Owing to the illness of the Speaker of the day, an informal talk on Knighthood was give by the President. The resignatiq of the Chairman of the Department of Art and Literature was announced, and Jan. 17th being Art and Literature, it was suggested that we hold an art Social on that date for members of the Club and friendss, carried. Mrs. Green was appointed Chairman of village improvement department and Accepted.

Approved
Olive Dodge
Sec;ty

February 21st, 1900

The Club met February 7th at usual time, minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report of Art Social read and announcement of the Speaker for February 21st. Mrs. Wright sang a solo with accompaniment of violin and piano. The question of adopting a Club pin was brought up but no decision reached. A delightful violin solo by Master Edward Sherman accompanied by Miss Gussie Liphaus (???can't read) was much enjoyed. And vocal solo by Master Arthur Dodge.

The President read extracts from the State Federation's Constitution and by-laws, and a motion made and carried that the Woman's Club of Palo Alto join the Federation. There being no further business, the Chairman of the day (Mrs. F. W. Sherman) introduced the Speaker, Mrs. A. B. Comstock of Cornell, who addressed the Club on "The Effect of Nature Study on Child Character" which was very interesting and brought out many remarks from the members and friends of the Club.

Approved as corrected
Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

Longfellow's beautiful poem on Agassiz birthday
"And nature the old nurse, Took the Children on his Knee...."

March 7th, 1900

Woman's Club met at 3:15 with President in the Chair, and opened with the Lords Prayer, followed with music by Mrs. Starbuck which was very much enjoyed. Minutes of last meeting read and approved as corrected.

The President announced the coming of the President of State Federation of Woman's Clubs, Mrs. Robert J. Burdelle (Burdette?) on March 2nd and asked Mrs Rosebrook to take charge of decorating the hall. Mrs. Yost recited "The Old Woman who Lived in the Shoe" which was a delightful change and was greatly enjoyed by those present, and responded to an encore by reciting Matthew Arnold's "Self Dependence." Mrs. Corbert, Chairman of the Day under the Department of Education and Science, then introduced the Speaker, Prof. Webster of Stanford University whose subject was "The Hope of Progress." The lecture showed careful preparation and was much enjoyed.

The President announced the Speaker for March 7th. Being nothing further Club adjourned for Social chat.

Ellen C. Sherman
Secretary Pro Tem

Approved.

March 21st, 1900

Meeting called to order by the President, minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Miss Lord, Chairman of the day, then introduced the Rev. Henry Fisk, Superintendent of the "People's Place," a social settlement in the North beach region of San Francisco, who gave an interesting account of the work being done among the people of that densely populated district, of the number of bakeshops and saloons which are such a drawback to their work. The Home is doing much good work, it being supported by donations, subscriptions.

At the conclusion of Mr. Fisk's talk, Miss Elebeck favored the Club with two vocal solos.

Approved.
Olive Dodge
Secretary

April 4th, 1900

The Club met at usual time March 21st with President in the chair, minutes of last meeting read and approved. After vocal solos by Miss Ritchie, Mr. Bassett gave a recitation from Dickens works.

Mrs. Beal, Chairman of the day, then introduced Prof. Flugel who gave an interesting paper on the life and paintings of Ludwig Richter, the German artist; the reading being illustrated with a great many drawings and engravings of the artist which all enjoyed. The Club entertained 21 visitors on that day.

The President announced a social to be given by the Art and Literature department, to be held on Wednesday March 28th.

Approved.
Olive Dodge
Sec'ty

April 18th, 1900

A special meeting of the Club was held April 11th under the direction of the Village Improvement Committee, Mr. George E. Hanson of Berkeley spoke on Parks and Street improvements. His remarks bore directly on the improvement with work the Committee has in hand, and were both interesting and profitable. Miss Carr rendered a very delightful vocal solo, with violin obligato by Mr. Wright.

Approved.
Anita Corbett (sp?)
Secret. Pro Tem

April 18th. 1900

The Club met at usual time and place, April 4th, President in the Chair, minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Music of the day being violin solos by Mrs. Wright. Mrs. Sherman, Chairman of Department of Home and Household Economics introduced Miss Whittaker of San Francisco who addressed the Club on "Food and its relations to Health," giving an interesting talk which brought forth many questions from the members.

A resolution was offered to amend Article 4, Section 1, to read "The officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice-President-at-Large, 3 Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Recording and Corresponding Secretary all of whom shall be elected by ballot each year as prescribed in Article 6." Amendment not adopted. The President then announced it in order to appoint a nominating committee to nominate officers for the coming election to be held on May 2nd. Moved and carried that Chair appoint said committee which were as follows:

Mrs. George Parkinson
Mrs. Carrie G. Brown
Mrs. Jennie Soper
Mrs. S. A. Moulton
Mrs. Mary Rosebrook

The Chairman of Village Improvement then gave a report of her Department and announced having secured Mr. Geo. Hansen to address the Club at special meeting on April 11th.

May 2nd, 1900

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wednesday April 4th, minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee appointed April 4th reported the following ticket:

President	Mrs. Culver
Vice Pres at Large	Mrs. M. R. Smith
1st Vice Pres	Mrs. Dyer
2nd Vice Pres	Dr. Selling
3rd Vice Pres	Mrs. Strong
Recording Sec.	Mrs. Bradford
Corresponding Sec.	Mrs. Dodge
Treasurer	Mrs. Emerson

A motion was then made and carried that another ticket be nominated from the floor. After some discussion a motion was made and carried that we postpone the business until after the Programme. After vocal solos by Mrs. Silsby, the Chairman of the Department of Education and Science, introduced Mr. E. L. Bassett who read and recited a number of James Whitcomb Riley's poems, among which were "Knee deep in June," "Lockerly Street," "Oh! Life Beyond," "Out at Old Aunt Mary's," and others which were much enjoyed. At the close of Mr. Bassett's talk, the motion to take up the business of the day was made and carried. And the nomination of another ticket was then in order. And the ticket stands as follows:

President	Mrs. Gilbert
Vice Pres at Large	Mrs. Campbell
1st Vice Pres	Mrs. Geo. Parkinson
2nd Vice Pres	Mrs. G. H. Wright
3rd Vice Pres	Mrs. Malcone
Recording Sec.	Mrs. Little
Corresponding Sec.	(can't read, maybe Mrs. Morris?)
Treasurer	Mrs. Emerson.

There being no further business. Club adj.

Approved
Olive Dodge

May 16th, 1900

The Club met at usual time, May 2nd, with the President in the Chair, minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The President announced the election of new officers for the ensuing year in order, Mrs. Suiter and Mrs. Bell, being appointed tellers, a motion was then made, seconded that Mrs. Beal be appointed 3rd teller. carried and so ordered. During the counting of votes no business being laid on the table, Mrs. Campbell, Vice-President-at-Large gave an interesting account of her visit to Hull House in the College Settlement of Chicago and of her visit to other Eastern Clubs. Mis Ford, Chairman of Philanthropy, then introduced Prof Mary Roberts Smith, who addressed the Club on "The New York School of Philanthropy." Miss Smith of STanford University gave two beautiful contralto solos, accompanied by Miss rose. Business was then resumed and the result of the balloting announced. 1st and second Vice-President votes being a tie, a second ballot was taken, the result of the count being as follows:

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Approved.

Women's Club of Palo Alto 475 Homer Ave. Palo Alto, Ca.94301

Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

September 1900 to May 1901

No. of board meetings: 10

Board: Mmes. J.F. Parkinson, Pres.; A. Zschokke, 1st V-Pres.; Wright, 2nd V-Pres.;
Dardfield, 3rd V-Pres.; Dyer, V-P at Large; Emerson, Treas.;
Tetro, Recording Sec., and Miss Grilde, Corresponding Secretary

Departments and Chairs:

Art and Literature: Mrs. Dodge

(Penny Provident Fund)

Library: Mrs. Gilbert

Village Improvement: Mrs. Green

Home/Household Economics: Mrs. Geo. Parkinson

Philanthropy: Mrs. Wathy

Music: Mrs. Jaggard

Refreshment: Mrs. Dodge

Science & Education: Miss Boring

Finances:

Club pledged \$5 per month to the Library (Sept.24) Increased to \$10 in May. (May 20)

Penny Provident Station granted \$15. (Oct.3, Nov.26)

Communication with Secretary of the Fraternal Hall regarding rent for the year.

Lecture by Earnest Seaton Thomas \$50.

Fund Raising

Entertainment to be given by the Club. (Mar. 6,9)

Social (May 15) Donations to Treble Clef (Jan.30, Feb.20)

Action/Events

Open meeting approved. (Nov. 26)

Tea to be given by Club. (Feb. 4)

Letter to Mr. Carnegie asking for money to build a library in Palo Alto. (Mar.9,25)

Request to help entertain President McKinley while in Palo Alto. (Sept.25, Apr.17)

Was agreed to bring before the general meeting of the Club, the Mass. State

Federation letter requesting consideration of "admitting colored women's clubs
to the General Federation. (Mar.25, Apr.17)

Pupils of the high school and 7th and 8th grades of Manzanita and Castilleja will
be invited to attend a lecture. (Mar.25, Apr.10)

Cal. Club asks Club to support law protecting the meadow lark. (Nov.26)

Club's helped asked to save big trees of California (Nov.21, Dec.19)

Palo Trees (Feb.9) Improving town (Dec.5) Library (Feb.20, May 1)

Community Property Law (Mar.6) Merchant's request (Mar 20)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Prof. Mary Smith spoke on her observations of the women and children of England
and Germany. (Oct. 3)

Dr. Dorethea Moore spoke about the "new application of Philanthropy." (Nov. 7)

Mr. Grinnell spoke on Ornithology. (Dec. 19)

Prof. Cubberly spoke on the educational system of California. (Jan. 16)

Mabel Kraft, editor of S.F. Sunday Chronicle spoke "Women as Journalists." (Jan. 30)

Rev. Whitaker spoke on Philanthropy--shall it be charity or justice. (Mar. 6)

"Masques", a play, given by the "young ladies" of Castilleja. (Mar. 20)

Dr. Jordan spoke on "Japanese Homes." (Apr.10)

Mrs. Hyde spoke on Russia at the time of the coronation of Czar Nicholas. (Apr. 17)

Mrs. Truesdall spoke on Alaska (May15)

September, 1900

The Woman's Club met at usual time (can't read month) 16th, President in the Chair. After the Secretary's report, an entertaining musical programme was given:

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| 1. Song | Dr. Little |
| 2. Trio | Misses Kimball, Carr, Southwood |
| 3. Solo | Mr. Firebaugh |
| 4. Solo | Mrs. LaFayette |
| 5. Solo | Mrs. silsby |
| 6. Solo, violin obligato | Miss Southwood and Mr. Wright |
| 7. Solo | Mrs. LaFayette |

8. After a thorough discussin a motion was made and seconded that the delegate to the Biennial (to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin) be instructed to cast vote for re-organization of Woman's Clubs, carried.

9. Moved and carried that said delegate be instructed to vote for Per Capita Taxation

Correspondence:

Letter then read asking the Club's help in regard to sending Harvy Tucker to the Home of the Feeble Minded. And a committee (Miss Ford, Mrs. J. Parkinson, Dr. Nathalie Selling) appointed to petition the Town trustees in the name of the Woman's Club.

Club adjourned to meet in September.

Olive Dodge
Secty

Mrs. M. J. Campbell, former President, being present, presented the President (Mrs. Culver) with a "hand glass" in the name of the Board of Managers which was followed by a neat response by our President.

"The moving Finger writes, and having writ moves on."

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Palo Alto Cal. Sept. 19, 1990

The Annual Meeting and reception of the Woman's Club was held at Fraternity Hall on above date.

Mrs. M. B. Culver, president, being absent on account of illness, Vice Pres. Mrs. Dyer presided.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved, after which the annual reports of officers and heads of departments were read as follows:

Treas.	Mrs. Emerson
Sec'y.	Mrs. Dodges
Homes & Household Economics	Mrs. Sherman
Science & Education	Mrs. Carbert (?)
Penny Provident Sewing	Miss Boring
Philanthropy	Miss Ford
Art and Literature	Mrs. Bierl
Village Improvement	Mrs. Green
Library	Mrs. Gilbert

No report from Pres.

Reports were all accepted and ordered placed on file with Sec'y.

Mrs. Dyer welcomed the guests of the day and congratulated the Club upon the success and prosperity which it had attained during the past year in a neat and well chosen address and concluded her remarks by announcing the members of the new Board of Managers as follows:

Pres.	Mrs. Culver
Vice Pres. at Large	Mrs. M. R. Smith
1st Vice Pres.	Mrs. G. R. Parkinson
2nd " "	Mrs. S. A. Dyer
3rd " "	Dr. Nathalie Selling
Recording Sec'y.	Mrs. S. K. Bradford
Corresponding "	Mrs. Dodge
Treasurer	Mrs. Emerson
Home & Household Economics	Mrs. J. J. Manie (?)
Art and Literature	Mrs. G. H. Wright
Science and Education	Miss Ora Boring
Village Improvement	Mrs. M. J. Green
Library	Mrs. Gilbert
Philanthropy	

Mrs. Mary G. Campbell the "Mother of the Club" was present and again assured the members of her intense interest in and hearty approval of all their good works.

A musical program was then given under the direction of Mrs. Wright assisted by Miss Roechel of San Francisco and Miss Whisman and Mrs. Jagers of Palo Alto.

The social hour and refreshment concluded the reception.

Mrs. E. B. Toms (?) gave her(?) as an addition to our membership.

A telegram from Mrs. Culver was delivered too late to be read during the exercises.

Mrs. S. K. Bradford
Recording Sec'y.

Palo Alto, Cal., Oct. 3rd 1900

P. McKee

The regular meeting of the Womans Club held Oct 3rd, Mrs. Dyer in the chair. Minutes of meeting held Sept. 19 read and approved. Minutes of Board meeting held just before the Club meeting also read in order that all present might understand the action of the Board in regard to filling vacancies in Executive Board caused by the President, Vice President at Large, First Vice Pres. and Recording Secy. Board had elected Mrs. Dyer Pres, Mrs. Campbell Vice Pres at Large, Mrs. John Parkinson first Vice Pres, Mrs. Soper (?) Rec Secy. Subject to the approval of the Club. Mrs. Soper declined to accept the office of Secy. Mrs. Green moved and Mrs. Smith seconded, Club carried that the Club ratify the action of the Board. A telegram from Mrs. Culver was read. Mrs. Morris (?) introduced Prof. Mary Roberts Smith--who gave a very interesting talk on her observations of the women and children of England and Germany. Two solos were then given by Master Arthur Dodge. Remarks by the new Pres. Mrs. Dyer. Mrs. Gilbert announced Mrs. Vickey's Art Exhibit promised for benefit of Library. Vote of thanks extended to Prof. Smith for her lecture. Meeting adjourned to meet Oct. 17.
Mrs. Bradford
Secy.

Palo Alto, Calif. Nov. 7, 1900

P. McKee

The Woman's club of Palo Alto met at the usual place. President Mrs. Dyer in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. J. Watby, chairman of the department of Philanthropy introduced Doctor Dorothea Moore who gave a short but very interesting one on the new application of Philanthropy. Song by Mr. Branner. Meeting adjourned for the usual social hour.

M. A. Tetro
Rec Secy

Palo Alto, Cal., Nov. 21st 1900

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at the usual place. President Mrs. Dyer in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. A communication was read from the California Federation of Woman's Clubs in regard to traveling cards. Also a communication from the Calif. Club of San Francisco asking the Palo Alto Club to use their influence in the effort that is being made to preserve the big trees of Calif.

Mrs. Wright then introduced Prof. Bert Estes Howard of Stanford University who gave a very interesting lecture. Motion was made by Mrs. Green that a vote of thanks be tendered Prof. Howard, carried. Notice was given that the lecture on Dec. 5th would be on Village Improvement. Two new names were added to the membership roll.

Adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Rec. Sec.

Palo Alto, Calif. Dec 5, 1900

P. McKee

The meeting of the Woman's Club was opened with a song by Miss L. Nelson of Sacramento. President, Mrs. Dyer presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. A communication was read from the Calif. Club of San Francisco expressing resolutions to adopt plan for the protection of the Meadow Lark. It was moved that the resolution be endorsed by the Womans Club of Palo Alto, carried. Notice was given that membership fees were due. Miss Craffe favored the Club with a song. Mrs. Green, chairman of the Village Improvement committee introduced Prof. Abbott who gave a lecture on that line of work. Song by Miss Barr. Also a duett (sic) by Miss Gass and Mrs. Silsby. Then followed a discussion on the best way of improving the town and keeping the streets clean. A vote of thanks was given to friends who had kindly assisted in the meeting.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec.

Palo Alto Calif. Dec. 19, 1900

P. McKee

The meeting of the Woman's Club was called to order by the president Mrs. Dyer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A communication was read from the Calif. Club expressing resolutions urging upon the Federal Government the necessity of placing their forest reservations on an income basis. It was moved and seconded that the resolution be endorsed, carried. A motion was made and carried that the sympathy of the Club be extended to Mrs. Turney. Miss Boring, chairman of the department of Science and Education, introduced Mr. Grinell, who gave a lecture on Ornithology. The thanks of the Club were tendered the speaker. Two hundred and eight dollars was the amount reported as the proceeds of the Fair, to be used for the Library.

M. A. Tetro, Recording Sec'y

Palo Alto, Cal. Jan. 16th. 1901

P. McKee

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club met at Fraternal Hall, Mrs. Dyer presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A note from Mrs. Turney was read in which she expressed thanks to the Club for sympathy extended to her. Two selections were sung by Mrs. Peas, accompanied by Mrs. Jager. Mrs. Gilbert introduced Professor Cubberly who gave an interesting lecture on the Educational System of California. Thanks of the Club were extended to Prof. Cubberly. After a few remarks by the President, the meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Rec. Secretary

Palo Alto Calif. Jan. 30-1901

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto met at the usual place, President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A communication was read from Wallace Idaho, asking for a contribution of a penny each from the Club members for the benefit of the "Treble Cleff." It was suggested that it be attended to individually and contributions be handed to the Corresponding Secretary. A communication was read, from the the Longfellow Memorial Association requesting a donation of three dollars from the Club. A motion in favor of it was made and lost. A letter from the Civic League was read, requesting the Woman's Club to assist in the entertainment of Mr. C. M. Keaye, President of the Southern Pacific Rail Way. Also the reply to the letter by Mrs. Dyer. Motion was made and carried that no action be taken till more definite (sic) information be obtained. Mrs. Dyer read a communication from the Woman's Parliament of Southern California, regarding the proposed amendment of the Community Property Law of the State of Calif. It was moved that the communication be referred to a *committee on resolutions*. Mrs. Corbert was appointed chairman to choose her assistants. Music by Miss Southwood and Mrs. Wright. Mabel Kraft, Editor of the San Francisco Sunday Chronicle (sic), gave a very interesting lecture on "Women as Journalists." Two selections were sung by Mrs. Lathrope. A vote was carried to extend the sympathy of the Club to Mrs. Varney. Mrs. E. O. Smith of San Jose made a few remarks. Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro, Recording Sec'y.

Palo Alto, Ca. Feb 9-1901

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto met at the usual place, Mrs. Dyer presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Corbet read the resolutions on the proposed amendment to the Civil Code of the state of California, relating to Community Property rights. It was moved and sec. that the resolutions be accepted, carried. A letter from Mrs. Varney was read expressing thanks to the Club for sympathy extened to her. A communication was read from Mr. Fostick relating to school affairs. After a few remarks by the President about sparing the beautiful trees of Palo Alto and a short discussion of the finance of the Club. Mrs. Wright took charge and a very pleasant program was given by friends, after which the meeting adjourned for sociability over a cup of tea.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'y

Palo Alto Feby 20-1901

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Mrs. Dyer in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A communication from Cando, North Dakota, was read soliciting the donation of a book for a library. A vote was carried to send two books from the Palo Alto library to Candor. Mrs. Dodge again read the letter from the "Treble Cleff" asking for a penny from each member of the Club. Mrs. Dyer read a letter from Mrs. Minnie M. Kendrick thanking her for a report of the work of the Palo Alto Club. Miss Boring gave a lengthy report of the management of the Penny Provident Fund. Mrs. Wright and Miss Southwood favored the Club with music. Miss Boring introduced Mrs. Price who gave an entertaining talk on reminiscence of Italian women.

Meeting adjourned for the social hour.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'y

Palo Alto, Cal. March 6-1901

The Woman's Club met at the usual place, President presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A letter from assembly man Eli Wright was read, in which he promised the women of the Club to use his influence for the passage of the amendment to the Community Property law of the state of California. A suggestion was made that an entertainment be given under the direction of Mrs. Genevieve Wright and a small admission fee be charged, the proceeds to go to the Club fund. After some discussion a motion was made and carried that the entertainment be given. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Music by Mrs. Wright and Miss Spaulding. Mrs. Walthy, chairman of the department of philanthropy, introduced the Rev. Robert Whitaker, who gave a lecture on "Philanthropy of the twentieth Century--shall it be Charity or Justice." Thanks were tendered the speaker. Resolutions were carried to extend sympathy of the Club to Miss Boring. Mrs. Green, chairman of the Village Improvement committee gave a report of the work being done in the school ground and asked for suggestions for improving and beautifying the streets of Palo Alto. Song by Miss Craft. After a few remarks by the President, the meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'y

Palo Alto, Calif. March 20-

The regular session of the Woman's Club was held in Fraternity Hall, Mrs. Dyer in the Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Gilbert read a letter from Mr. Ferguson in behalf of the merchants of the town requesting the Woman's Club to aid in keeping small children off the streets. The Club expressed its sympathy with the movement. Notice was given of an exhibition of Mr. Vickey's pictures to be held in this hall April 19-20. Mrs. Dyer gave notice of Dr. Jordan's lecture before the Woman's Club April 10th. The Board of Managers of the Club extended an invitation to the Club members to an "At Home" April 3rd. Music by Mrs. Jager and Mrs. Silsby. The Club was favored by two selections by Miss Malsbie of Santa Barbara. The Young Ladies of Castelajo (sic--Castilleja) under the direction of Mrs. Wright gave a play entitled "Masques." Thanks of the Club were extended to the young ladies. The meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'y

Palo Alto, Cal. April 3rd

The Woman's Club held its regular session at the usual place, the President in the chair. A communication from Mrs. E. H. Samuels of Mayfield was read asking the cooperation of the Club in building and decorating an arch for the Rose Carnival to be held in San Jose in May, in honor of President McKinley. After some discussion it was moved that the matter be referred back to Mrs. Samuels, carried. It was moved and carried that the Club assist in raising the money to secure the lecture by Mr. Ernest Seton-Thompson. A letter from Wallace, Idaho, was read thanking the Club for the donation it sent the "Treble Cliff." A motion was made that an invitation be sent the (...) of the High School. The seventh and eighth grades of the Grammar schools Castillajo (sic) and Manzanita to attend Dr. Jordan's lecture, carried. Music by Mrs. Wright. Notice was given that the Club will meet hereafter at three o'clock. The business meeting adjourned after a very pleasant afternoon tea was enjoyed by the ladies.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sect'y.

Palo Alto, May 1st 1901

The regular session of the Woman's Club was held in Fraternity Hall, Present in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Miss Boring read the report of the Penny Provident Fund which was accepted. Miss Boring recommended that the work be carried on during the summer. Motion was made and carried that she appoint someone to look after it during her absence. Mrs. Gilbert informed the Club that twenty-five dollars were turned over to the Treasurer, as the share due the Woman's Club from the Seton-Thompson lecture. She also reminded the Club members of the next Christmas market for the benefit of the Library Fund and urged that each one make some piece for the sale during their summer vacation. It being the day for election of officers, the roll was called. Mesdames Bell, Watly, and Rosebrook were appointed tellers. Mrs. Dyer was nominated for President by Mrs Bell but declined to serve. It was moved that the Secretary cast the ballot where only one candidate was nominated, carried. Mrs. J. F. Parkinson was nominated for President. As there were no other candidates, the Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Parkinson was declared President of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto. For First Vice President the candidates were Miss Brothers, nominated by Mrs. Malcolm, Mrs. Carbert nominated by Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Zechokke nominated by Mrs. Watly, after two ballots Mrs. Zechokke was elected. For Second Vice President, Mrs. Wright, nom. by Mrs. Jagger, Mrs. Soper, nominated by Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Thoburn, nominated by Mrs. Dodge. After the first ballot, Mrs. Thoburn's name was withdrawn. After the second ballot, Mrs. Wright declared elected. The candidates for Third Vice President were Mrs. George Parkinson nominated by Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Dardfield, nominated by Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Dardfield being elected. For Vice President at Large, Mrs. Dyer was nominated by Mrs. Bell, as there was no other candidate, the Secretary cast the ballot and Mrs. Dyer was elected to that office. Mrs. Emerson was nominated for Treasurer, by Mrs. Watly, the ballot being cast by the Secretary, Mrs. Emerson was re-elected. Mrs. Tetro was nominated for Recording Secretary by Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Corresponding Secretary casting the ballot. Miss Grilde was nominated for Corresponding Secretary by Mrs. J. F. Parkinson, the ballot was cast by the Secretary and Miss Grilde elected, which closed the elections. The music for the afternoon was under the direction of Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Lathrop, and Master Dodge favored the Club with vocal music and Mrs. Hall with instrumental music, was was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. J. F. Parkinson moved that a social be given May 15th, the admission to be a china cup and saucer which will be used hereafter by the Club at their afternoon teas, carried. Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Club appropriate funds for tea and wafers, Mrs. Watly to have charge and solicit anything else necessary for the refreshments, carried.

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'ty.

Palo Alto, May 15-1901

The Woman's Club met at the usual place, President Mrs. Dyer presiding. The minutes were read and approved. Music by Mrs. Jagger and Minnie Krimura. Mrs. Truesdall of San Francisco gave an interesting description of her trip to Alaska. Mrs. Silsby favored the company with vocal music. After adjournment, refreshments were served.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sect'y.

Woman's Club of Palo Alto
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Transcription of minutes beginning September 24, 1900 in book to May 4, 1903

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[1] Palo Alto, Calif.

The Board of Managers of the Woman's Club met at the house of Mrs. Dyer Monday Sept. 24th. Minutes of the two previous meetings read and approved. Members present Mesdams Dyer, Parkinson, Gilbert, Morris, Wright, Emerson, Dodge, Doctor Selling.

(1st) The resignation of Miss Ford as chairman of Dept of Philanthropy read and accepted. Mrs. Wathy [?] was appointed chairman of said department and the Secty instructed to notify her of appointment. (2nd) Motion made and seconded that the club appropriate \$5.00 (five dollars) per month to Library Dept - Carried (3rd) Moved and seconded that Cor. Secty. communicate with Secty. of Fraternal Hall Association in regard to terms for rent of hall for the year 1900-1901.- Carried=

[erasure] (4th) Secty. read resignation of Mrs. Neal "as member of the club on account of future residence." Resignation accepted and Cor. Secty. instructed to send regrets of the Board. Motion made and carried that Cor. Secretary be instructed to have guest cards printed.

Adjourned
Olive Dodge
Rec. Secty pro tem

[2] Palo Alto Calif. Oct. 3rd 1900

A special session of the Board of Managers of the Womans Club was held in Fraternal Hall on the above date. Present Mesdames Dyer, Dodge, Gilbert, Emons, Green, Bradford, Morris, Wright, and Dr. Selling.

Mrs. Dyer called the meeting to order. Minutes of Sept. 24th read and approved. A communication was read from Miss Boring in which she gave a brief report of the Penny Provident Station of Palo Alto for Sept. and asked for an appropriation of ten dollars with which to carry on the work in future. Mrs. Gilbert thought the amt. asked for not sufficient for any length of time. it was moved and seconded that the club contribute fifteen dollars. carried. Corresponding Secty. stated that Fraternity Hall Association would rent the hall at same price as formerly. A motion carried instructing Secty. as a com. to secure it for the year. Resignations were tendered from Mrs. Culver as Pres. Prof. Mary R. Smith as vice Pres. at Large. Mrs. G. R. Parkinson as first vice Pres. and from Mrs. Bradford as Rec Secty. As the reasons for resignations were given and seemed sufficient they were accepted. A motion was then sustained that the Board proceed to elect a President, Vice Pres at Large, 1st Vice Pres. and Rec. Secty. and submit the action to the Club for approval. Result. Mrs. Dyer Pres. Mrs. Campbell Vice Pres. at Large, Mrs. John Parkinson 1st vice Pres. and Mrs. Sofren [?] Rec. Secty. Mrs. Dyer suggested that it would be well for the Club to have a com. on c.....[?]Mrs. Wathy moved that there be such a committee and that it be composed of three members one from the Board and two from the Club. Sec. by Mrs. Gilbert and carried. Adjourned. Rec. Secy. Mrs. Bradford

[3] Palo Alto Cal Oct. 17th

The Board of Managers of the Woman's Club met at Fraternal Hall Oct. 17th, 1900. President in the chair, members present Mesdames Dyer, Parkinson, Parkinson (stet), Emerson, Gilbert, Morris, Wright, Wathy, Green, Dodge, Miss Boring. A communication from "The Club Woman" (the official organ of the federation of Womans Clubs) was read by the President and a motion made and carried that the communication be read before the Club and subscriptions solicited. Motion made and sec. that Mrs. Tetro be elected Rec. Secty. of the Club carried. Motion made and sec. that the Village Improvement dept. provide for Dec. 5th in place of Home and Household dept. carried. Adjourned. Olive Dodge. Secy Pro tem.

[4] Palo Alto Cal Nov. 26 - 1900

The Board of Managers of the Womans Club met at the home of Mrs. Dyer. Members present mesdames Dyer, Gilbert, Parkinson, Wathy, Green, Wright, Morris, Dr. Selling. Dodge, Tetro. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dyer minutes of the meeting Oct. 17th read and approved. Miss Boring's report of the Penny Provident Station of Palo Alto was read by the Cor. Secretary. a Communication was read from the Calif Club in regard to a special law for the protection of the meadow lark. Motion was made that the hour for the meeting of the Womans Club be changed to 2:30 p.m. carried. Motion was made and carried that the meeting Dec. 5th be an open meeting and the public be invited. Adjourned M.A. Tetro, Rec. Sec.

[5] Palo Alto. Feby 4 - 1901

The Board of Managers of the Woman's Club met at Mrs. Dyers. members present. Mesdames Dyer, Dodge, Wright, Parkinson, Emerson, Wathy, Tetro. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Motion was made and carried that Miss Almira Grilde [?] be made a member of the Woman's Club for services as Reporter. Motion made that the communication from Mr. Fostick and circular letter be read before the Club. carried. It was moved that Mrs. Dodge be appointed chairman of the refreshment committee for the Tea to be given by the Club. carried. Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro

Recording Sec.

[6] Palo Alto. Mar. 9

The Board of Managers of the Womans Club held a special session at the home of Mrs. Dyer. Members present Mesdames Dyer Dodge, Wright, Parkinson, Green, Gilbert, Emerson, Dr. Selling, Tetro. Miss Boring, Mrs. Gilbert read a communication from J. B. Pond in regard to arranging for a lecture by Ernest Seaton Thompson. It was moved and carried that the club offer fifty dollars. Mr. Fostick to do the correspondence with manager Pond. Motion was made that Mrs. Dyer write to Mr. Carnagie [stet] and ask his assistance in building a library in Palo Alto. Carried. a proposition was made that the Executive Board recommend the Club to authorize the Library Committee to take a four years lease of a building to be erected for the Library provided such a building can be secured. Discussion on the work of the Village Improvement Committee and funds for their department. It was moved that they give an entertainment with the help of the Club. Three fourths of the proceeds to be set aside for their work.

Meeting Adjourned

M. A. Tetro

Recording Sec'y.

[7] Palo Alto. Mar. 25 - 1901

The regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Club was held at the residence of Mrs. Dyer. Members present Mesdames Dodge, Dyer, Wathy, Parkinson, Emerson, Gilbert, Morris, Tetro. Mrs. Dyer reported that she had written to Mr. Carnagie (stet) in regard to a Library building. Mrs. Gilbert moved that we return to the former hour for club meeting three P.M., carried. It was moved that the Club will consider any proposition to help in entertaining the President of the United States while in Palo Alto. Carried. Mrs. Dyer read a circular letter from the Mass. State Federation on the question of admitting colored woman's clubs to the Gen'l Federation of Clubs. After discussion of the subject it was laid aside to be read before the Club. It was moved that the Secty be instructed to send an invitation to the Pupils of the High School. the seventh and eighth graders of the grammar schools Manzanita and Castilleja to attend the lecture at the Woman's Club. carried. After arranging for the "at home" to be given to the Club members by the Executive Board, the meeting adjourned.

M.A. Tetro

Recording Sec'y

[8] Palo Alto. April 29 - 1901

There was a meeting of the Executive Board but no business was attended to.

M. A. Tetro

Recording Secty.

[9] [Following on two loose sheets paper-clipped in]

Palo Alto, May 21, 1901

The officers elect of the Womans Club met at the home of Mrs. J. F. Parkinson. Members present Mesdames Parkinson, Zschokke, Dyer, Tetro, and Miss Guilden [?]. Motion was made and carried that Mrs. Gilbert be re-appointed to take charge of the Library. It was moved that Mrs. Zschokke be appointed Vice President. carried. Motion was made that Mrs. Geo. Parkinson be appointed to take charge of the department of Home and Household Economics. Carried. Mrs. Dodge was ap [?] to the department of Art and Literature. Carried. Miss Boring was re-appointed to take charge of Science and Education. Mrs. Wathy was re-appointed to the department of Philanthropy carried. Motion was made that Mrs. Green be reappointed Chairman of the Village Improvement Committee.

Meeting Adjourned. M. A. T.

[10] Palo Alto May 20 1901

The Board of Managers of the Womans Club met at the residence of Mrs. Dodge. Members present Mesdames Dyer, Dodge, Wathy, Gilbert, J.T. Parkinson, Tetro, Wright. A motion was made by Mrs. Wright that the amount allowed to the Library be increased to ten dollars per month during the summer. Carried. Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Secty be instructed to take charge of the invitaitons for the fall reception. carried. Mrs. Dyer read a communicatin from the General Federation in regard to dues to be forwarded from this club.

Meeting adjourned

M.A. Tetro

Recording Secty

Women's Club of Palo Alto 475 Homer Ave. Palo Alto, Ca.94301
Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

September 1901 to May 1902

No. of board meetings: 10

Board: Mmes. J.F. Parkinson, Olive Dodge, Corbert, A. Zschokke, Green, Eva Bell,
Wathy, Peck, M.A.Tertro, Thoburn, Gilbert, Lakin, Wright, Dudfield.

Departments and Chairs:

Art and Literature: Mrs. Peck
Education and Science: Mrs. Corbert
Village Improvement: Mrs. Eva Bell
Decoration: Mmes: Dudfield & E. Weishaar
Reporter for Club: Mrs. Casson

Philanthropy: Mrs.Wathy
Music: Mrs. Jaggar
Home/Household Economics:
Mmes. Farmer &Thoburn

Finances:

Annual dues \$1; Federation dues-10 cents; New members-\$ 1 (Sept.30,Oct.16,May19)
Village Improvement Committee-lent \$13 (Oct.21)
Entertainment proceeds--half of proceeds given to the Library (Mar 25)
Pay freight for books donated to Mrs Scroggs in Alaska (May 19)
\$16.50 proceeds of lecture by Dr. Jordan

Fund Raising

Christmas Fair: "Old Settlers Meeting" entertainment; Later--Lecture by Dr.Jordan.

Action

Library turned over to the town. (Oct 2)
Election of delegates to State Federation (Jan. 15)
Work on school grounds. (Oct.21)
Invite teachers to lecture on November 6 (Oct. 21)
Discussion of the "colored question" - Tabled. (Jan 8)
Motion "against admission of colored clubs to the Gen'l Federation." Defeated (Jan 29)
Board tabled a "letter of resolution on the colored question." (Feb. 24)
Raised money for Library (May 19)
McKinley Monument Fund (Oct, 2, Nov.6, Jan.15)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Rev. Mr. Smith, "Home as the Schoolroom of Virtue" (Oct. 2)
Dr. Doratha Moore spoke on children's life in the cities. (Nov.6)
Miss Margaret Graham, "Social Mendicants" (Nov. 20))
Professor Healsey, "Village Ideals"-ways to improve appearance of village (Dec 4)
Mrs. Elliot spoke on "House Decoration." (Dec.18)
Club constitution (Jan.16)
Rev. Mr. Whittaker spoke on experiences in Mexico (Jan. 29)
Mrs. Mary Campbell spoke on the condition of women in India. (Mar. 3)
Mrs. Scrogg spoke on Alaska. (Mar. 19)
Professor Folf spoke on pottery and sketching. (Apr. 2)
Professor Rolf spoke on Sophocles' "Antigone." Professor Jeffers spoke on Verdi
and Wagner.The high school Girls' Glee Club sang two selections. (Apr.15)
Mrs. Lakin spoke on what the club can do for Palo Alto. (May 7)

[1] Palo Alto Sept. 11 1901

The Board of Managers elect of the Womans Club met at the residence of Mrs. J.F. Parkinson on the above date. The meeting was called to order by the President. Members present Mesdames Dudfield [?] Wathy, Zschokke, Emerson, Dodge, Parkinson, Tetro. Motion was made and carried that Mrs. Corbert be nominated Chairman of the department of Education and Science. Motion was made that Mrs. Peck be nominated chairman of the department of Art and Literature. carried. Mrs. Wathy was re-appointed chairman of the department of Philanthropy. Mrs. Bell was nominated chairman of the Village Improvement Committee. carried. Mrs. E. L. Farmer was elected chairman of Home and Household Economics. Mrs. Dodge was elected Cor. Secty. Mrs. Jagger [?] was retained on the musical committee to select alternate till Dec. Mrs. Dudfield and Mrs. Weishaar were appointed a committee on decoration for first and third Wednesdays

Meeting adjourned

M. A. Tetro

Recording Secty

[2] Palo Alto Sept. 30 1901

The Board of Managers of the Womans Club met at Mrs. Parkinsons members present mesdames Parkinson, Dodge, Corbert, Zschokke, Green, Bell, Wathy, Tetro, Peck. The meeting was called to order by the President. The minutes were read and approved. Motion was made that the Secty be instructed to purchase cards to be used for notification of Board meetings. Carried. The report of the Village Improvement Committee was read and discussed at length. Motion was made that a Christmas Fair be held. carried. Mrs. Corbert made a motion to amend Section Second of Article Fifth which was lost. Mrs. Bell made the motion that the Board recommend to the Club that Section Second of Article fifth be amended to read Each person on entering the Club shall pay one dollar initiation fee and one dollar annual dues. carried.

Meeting adjourned

M. A. Tetro

Recording Secty

Amendment proposed Oct. 2 1901 Adopted Oct. 16 1901.

[3] Palo Alto Oct 21 1901

The Board of Managers met at the usual place. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Members present Mesdames Parkinson, Peck, Wathy, Bell, Dodge, Dudfield, Tetro. Mrs. Bell discussed the work done on school grounds. Motion was made that the Club loan the Village Improvement Committee thirteen dollars. Carried. Mrs. Dodge read the resignation of Mrs. Dyer as Vice President at Large of the Womans Club which was accepted. Mrs. Wathy moved that the Club pay Mrs. Jas. Jones' fare from San Francisco to Palo Alto. carried. Moved that the Board reconsider Mrs. Wathy's motion. Motion was then made that the club pay Mrs. Jones' fare from the City to Palo Alto and return, carried. It was proposed that the Club invite the teachers of the Public schools to attend the lecture Nov. 6.

Meeting adjourned

M.A. Tetro

Rec. Secty

[4] Palo Alto Oct. 23 1901

A special meeting of the Board of Managers was called on the above date. members present Mesdames Parkinson, Wathy, Bell, Dudfield, Zschokke, Peck Dodge, Tetro. A letter from Mrs. Winon [?] was read giving notice of the District meeting preparatory to meeting of the state

Biennial argination (stet). It was moved and sec. that Mrs. Peck attend the same in San Francisco carried. Mrs. Harriot Thoburn was appointed chairman of the department of Home and Household Economics. Mrs. Gilbert was unanimously elected Vice President at Large. Two of the Board sent in votes by proxy. Meeting adjourned. M.A. Tetro Rec. Secty.

[5] Palo Alto Nov. 25 1901

There was a meeting of the Board of Managers at the usual place. members present Mesdames Parkinson, Thoburn, Dodge, Bell, Gilbert, Corbert, Tetro. Motion was made that Mrs. Frank Casson [?] be appointed newspaper reporter for the Woman's Club. carried. A motion was made that the Secretary be instructed to extend a vote of thanks to Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Curry for favors shown the committee on entertainments for the Library fund. After some discussion of the affairs of the Club the meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro

Rec Secty

[6] Palo Alto Jan. 26 1902

A special meeting of the Board of Managers was held on the above date. members present Mesdames Parkinson, Corbert, Gilbert, Wathy, Lakin, Zschokke, Dodge, Tetro. The "Old Settlers" (stet) entertainment was discussed at length and final arrangements made. Motion was made to instruct the Secretary to ascertain if the delegates to the State convention held in San Francisco will be entertained while there. carried. It was decided to fray expenses of two delegates to the convention in case they were not entertained. Minutes of last meeting were omitted.

M.A. Tetro

Rec. Secty

[7] Palo Alto Feb. 24 1902

The Board of Managers met on the above date. Members present Mrs. Parkinson, Zschokke, Dodge, Tetro, Gilbert, Wright, Dudfield, Thoburn. Minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Dodge read the Treasurers resignation which was accepted with regret. The President instructed the Secretary to notify Mrs. Emerson that her resignation had been accepted. Motion was made and carried that Mrs. Geo Parkinson be appointed to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Reber [?] was elected alternate. The bill of expenses of the delegates to the state Federation was presented and ordered paid. Mrs. Parkinson read a letter of resolution on the colored club question which was laid aside and the corresponding secretary ordered to reply to the New Jersey club. The President then suggested that the questions to come up at the General Federation in May be discussed by the Club.

Meeting adjourned

M.A. Tetro

Recording Secty

[8] Palo Alto March 25 1902

There was a meeting of the Executive Board of the Womans Club. members present mesdames Parkinson, Zschokke, Thoburn, Bell, Dodge, Lakin, Wathy, Tetro, Corbert. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. motion was made that Mrs. Lakin be admitted to hold her Club meetings on Tuesday. April fifteenth instead of Wednesday, the regular day. carried. Mrs. Bell moved that one half the amount realized at the last entertainment be turned over to the Library fund, carried after discussing the coming election of delegates to the convention in Los

Angeles and the nomination of officers for the Club for the ensuing year. the meeting adjourned.
M.A. Tetro, Rec. Secy.

[9]Palo Alto April 22 1902

The regular session of the board of managers met at the usual place. members present Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Laken, Mrs. Wathy, Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Thoburn, Mrs. Tetro, Mrs. Corbert. The minutes were read. Sixteen dollars and fifty cents was the amount reported as the proceeds of the lecture given by Dr. Jordan. There being no business on hand for the day, Club work generally was discussed.

Meeting adjourned

M.A. Tetro

Recording Secy

[10]Palo Alto May 19 1902

The Board of Managers met at the usual place. Members present Mrs. J. F. Parkinson, Gilbert, G. Parkinson, Laken, Bell, Dodge, Corbert, Tetro. The matter of restoring the initiation fee to two dollars was proposed and discussed. Library affairs were also gone over and various ways proposed for raising money. Motion was made and sustained that the club appropriate money to pay freight on the box of books we sent to Mrs. Scroggs in Alaska. Thanks were voted to Miss Bean for work on Penny Provident Fund.

Meeting adjourned

M. A. Tetro

Recording Secy.

[1]Palo Alto

Meeting of the Board of 1902 and '03 of Woman's Club was held at the home of the President elect, Mrs. Gilbert, June 2, 1902. Meeting called to order by Mrs. Gilbert

The first business to be considered was the election of Heads of Departments for the coming year. The following ladies were nominated and elected. Library Committee, Miss Ford - chairman.

Village Improvement

Mrs. Mary Robers Smith, Chairman

Science and Education

Mrs. Yost, chairman

Home and Household

Mrs. Wathey, chairman

Art and Literature

Mrs. Raber, chairman

Philanthropy

Mrs Matzke, chairman

Hospitality

Mrs. G. Parkinson, chairman

Music Mrs. Roller chairman

After some general discussion of the work for the coming year the meeting adjourned

Annie La Peire

Secty elect

Palo Alto, Sept. 25-1901

P. McKee

The annual meeting and reception of the Woman's Club was held at Fraternity Hall on the above date, President Mrs. J. F. Parkinson presiding. After the reading of a letter from the retiring President, Mrs. Dyer, the annual reports of the officers and heads of departments were read as follows:

Recording Sec'ty	Mrs. M. A. Tetro
Corresponding Sec'ty	Mrs. Dodge
Treasurer	Mrs. Emerson
Library	Mrs. Gilbert
Philanthropy	Mrs. Watly
Village Improvement	Mrs. Green

No report from the President. A musical program was given under the direction of Mrs. Jagger, assisted by Mr. Sherman. Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Birch. Mrs. Jonic of San Francisco entertained the company with recitations. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. Several new names were added to the membership roll.

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'ty.

Palo Alto, Oct. 2-1901

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at the usual place, Mrs. J. F. Parkinson in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. After reading the names of the officers and heads of departments, the Club members were requested to keep in mind the Christmas Fair. The President read a letter from the committee on the McKinley Monument Fund of San Jose asking subscriptions. A discussion on the proposed amendment to the Constitution followed. A motion was made that the Club turn the Library over to the town, carried. Mrs. Peck gave notice that Club members would meet after the session and form a literary class. Mr. Roller favored the Club with violin music, vocal solo by Miss McGlocklin. Rev. Mr. Smith gave a talk on "Home as the schoolroom of virtue." A vote of thanks were tendered Mr. Smith for his kindness.

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'ty

Palo Alto, Oct. 16-1901

P. McKee

The regular meeting of the Club was held at the usual place, Mrs. J. F. Parkinson presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The President read a letter requestion subscriptions for "The Club Woman," the official paper. Mrs. Peck gave notice that the study classmeets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Then followed a discussion on the proposed amendment. A motion was made that section second of Article Five be amended to read, Every member on entering the Club shall pay an initiation fee of one dollar, and one dollar annual dues, carried. Motion was made that the excess money on initiation fees be refunded, carried. After some musical selections, Mrs. Corbett introduced Prof. Lilly J. Martin who read a paper on "School Room Decoration."

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Rec. Sec'ty.

Palo Alto, Nov. 6-1901

P. McKee

The Woman's Club held its regular session at the usual place, President inthe chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Miss McCord kindly favored the Club with music. Mrs. Gilbert made the announcement of entertainments to be given for the purpose of raising money for the Library, the first one to be given on Friday before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Watly of the department of Philanthropy introduced Doctor Doratha Moore who spoke on child life in cities and juvenile courts, and made a strong plea for women to use their influence to have a law passed whereby more could be done to save the dependent children.

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Rec. Sec'ty.

Palo Alto, Nov. 20-1901

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at the usual place, Mrs. Parkinson presiding. Mrs. Bell was appointed Secretary pro-tem. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The President made the announcement of communication received from the President of district federation asking Club to send a delegate to meeting to be held the following week. Mrs. Dodge was named to represent the Club. Miss Kraft gave a vocal solo, after which Miss Margarette Graham was introduced by the President. Miss Graham's subject, Social Mendicants, was listened with great interest, a few of the ladies present recognizing themselves or friends among the characters mentioned.

Meeting adjourned.

Eva F. Bell
Sec. pro-tem.

Palo Alto, Dec. 4-1901

P. McKee

The meeting of the Womans Club was held on the above date, Mrs. Parkinson presiding. Minutes were read and approved. Miss Bird entertained the Club with vocal music. Mrs. Bell presented Prof. Healsey, who gave an interesting lecture on "Village Ideals," and made some good suggestions in regard to improving the appearance of the village. After reading of the guest cards, the meeting adjourned for a social chat.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sect'y.

Palo Alto, Dec. 18-1901

P. McKee

The meeting of the Woman's Club was called to order by the President. The minutes were read and approved. After a few remarks by the President, Mrs. Elliott read a paper on Interim House Decoration, which was highly appreciated by the ladies present. After discussion of the color schemes and so forth, and reading of the guest cards, the meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sect'y.

Palo Alto, Jan. 8-1902

P. McKee

Meeting of the Womans Club held Jan. 8th, President presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were omitted. Miss Avery gave a vocal solo which was greatly appreciated. The speaker for the day being ill, the Club spent the afternoon in an informal discussion of the color question, several members speaking on the subject. After much discussion it was moved that the subject be laid on the table until some future time, carried. No further business on hand. The Club adjourned for a social half hour.

Eva F. Bell
Secty pro.tem.

Palo Alto, Jan. 15-1902

P. McKee

The Club met at the usual place, Mrs. Parkinson presiding. The minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved. Mrs. Silsby favored the club with a solo. The speaker for the day being indisposed there was no lecture. The President announced that the election of delegates to the State Federation was in order, motion was made that Mrs. Tetro be elected a delegate, carried. Motion was made that Mrs. Bradford be a delegate, carried. Mrs. Bell moved that the last clause be eliminated from Article Seventh-Second Section of the constitution. The article to read—A majority of the Board of Managers shall constitute a quorum for transaction of all business. The President gave notice of an entertainment "The Old Settler's Meeting" to be given in (...?) Hall the last Friday in Jan., the proceeds to go to the Library Fund. Music by Miss Scofield. Motion was made that Mr. Whittaker be invited to lecture on the fifth Wednesday in Jan., carried. President requested that Club members report sick members and any member in need of kind attention to Mrs. Watly, chairman of the department of Phianthropy. After adjournment all present enjoyed a cup of tea and social chat.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'ty.

Palo Alto, Jan. 29-1902

P. McKee

A special meeting of the Woman's Club was held on the above date. The minutes were omitted. President requested the Club to instruct the delegates to the State convention how to vote on the color question and re-organization. After reading an article on the subject and some discussion, Mrs. Gilbert made a motion that delegates be instructed to vote against the admission of colored clubs to the Gen'l Federation. The motion was lost. Mrs. Watly made a motion that the delegates be instructed to vote for re-organization, carried. Motion was made that the President be elected a delegate to the State convention, carried. Rev. Mr. Whittaker gave a lecture on a year's experiences in Mexico, which was interesting and instructive. The President graciously thanked Mr. Whittaker for his kindness.

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Rec. Sect'y.

Palo Alto, February 5-1902

P. McKee

There was no meeting of the Club.

Palo Alto, Feb. 19-1902

The regular session of the Woman's Club was held at the usual place. The minutes of two meetings were read and approved. A vote was taken on the proposed amendment of Article Seven-Section second of the Constitution and carried. Master ARthur Dodge kindly sang for the Club. The President made the announcement that Mrs. Heart of the Berkley (sic) Town and Gown Club, would lecture at the next regular meeting of the Club. Mrs. Bradford read a lengthy report of the delegates to the State Convention which was accepted. Mrs. Parkinson made a few remarks about the Convention. Mrs. Williams sang two selections. Mrs. F. J. Berdette's address to the Convention was read. The President then called attention to the dues of the State Federation and explained that it is missed (?) and best for each individual member of this Club to pay their dues of ten cents to the State Federation. Mrs. Bradford made a motion to that effect which carried. Mrs. Cole of Iowa made a few remarks on Club work in her city. After reading the guest cards the meeting adjourned to enjoy refreshments provided by Mrs. Bell.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'ty.

Palo Alto, March 19-1902

P. McKee

The Club met as usual, the President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Secretary, Mrs. Dodge, read the report of an entertainment given by Mrs. Lewis under the auspices of the Woman's Club. Twenty dollars was reported as the share for the Club. The President announced the resignation of the Treasurer, Mrs. Emerson, and the appointment of Mrs. Geo. Parkinson for the balance of the year. Miss Bailey favored the Club with music. The programme for the day being under the direction of the department of Science and Education, Mrs. Scroggs addressed the Club on Alaska and conditions existing in that far off land. The address was very interesting listened to with wrapt (sic) attention.

Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'ty

Palo Alto, March 5- 1902

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met on the above date, Mrs. J. F. Parkinson presiding. Minutes were read and approved. Miss Elebeck kindly favored the Club with music. Mrs. President then presented Mrs. Lakin, one of our members, who read a very able paper on "What our children should read," which gave us many good and helpful ideas on that subject. Mrs. Campbell, our former President but now a resident of San Francisco, gave a short address on the condition of women in India. Meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'y.

Palo Alto, April 2-1902

P. McKee

A meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Fraternity Hall, Mrs. Parkinson in the chair. Minutes were read and approved. The President gave notice that the names of club members who wish to attend the Biennial Convention should be sent to Los Angeles as soon as convenient in order to secure tickets of admission to the convention. It was moved that delegates to the convention be elected at the present meeting, carried. The President and Mrs. Dodge were nominated as delegates. Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Wright as alternates. Motion was made that the Sec'y cast the ballot, carried. Miss Kendall kindly played a piano solo. The Club members were requested to pay their Federation dues of ten cents each. After considerable discussion, it was moved that a nominating committee be appointed to select candidates for officers of the Club to be elected at the first meeting in May, the motion carried. Motion was made that the chair appoint said committee. Mrs. Corbert was appointed chairman. Mrs. Warrell, Mrs. Watly, Mrs. Geo. Parkinson, Mrs. Bell composed the committee. Prof. Rolf gave a lecture on Dickens (???) pottery and interesting sketches of the life and devotion of Mr. Robison to his art. Professor exhibited some rare and beautiful specimens of the pottery. A rising vote of thanks was given him for his kindness. Notice was given that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday instead of the usual day. Adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'y

Palo Alto, April 15-1902

P. McKee

The Club met as usual in Fraternity Hall, the President presiding. After the reading of the minutes, Prof. Rolf lectured fifteen minutes on Sophocles' drama, Antigone. An Announcement was made regarding the necessary arrangements to the Biennial Convention to be held in Los Angeles. Mrs. Bell then read the of the nominating committee as follows for:

President	Mrs. Gilbert
Vice Pres. at Large	Mrs. Parkinson, J. F.
1st Vice Pres	Mrs. Zschokke, A.
2nd Vice Pres	Mrs. Sloan, D. L.
3rd Vice Pres	Mrs. Lynn, E.
Rec. Sec'y	Mrs. La Peire, E. A.
Cor. Sec'y	Mrs. Dodge, Olive
Treasurer	Mrs. Weisshaar, E. F.

Signed by the Committee.

The President introduced Prof. Jeffers who took charge of the program assisted by Miss Kendall which was under the department of Art and Literature. The lecture on the lives of two great composers, Verdi and Wagner, was interesting and instructive. The Girls Glee Club of the High School sang two selections, which were appreciated. A vote of thanks was extended Prof. Jeffers and Miss Kendall for a very pleasant afternoon.

The meeting adjourned.

M. A. Tetro
Recording Sec'y

Palo Alto, May 7-1902

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at the usual time and place, Mrs. J. F. Parkinson presiding. In the absence of the Sec. minutes of the previous meeting were omitted. Miss J. Bean gave a whistling solo and very kindly responded to an encore. Mrs. Lakin gave a short informal talk on what the Club can do for Palo Alto. After some discussion and short talks on various plans for the coming year the Club proceeded to the election of officers for ensuing year, there being no further nominations the Sec was instructed to cast the ballot for the following nominees.

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1st Vice Pres	Mrs. Zschokke
2nd Vice Pres	Mrs. Sloan
3rd Vice Pres	Mrs. Lynn
Rec. Sec.	Mrs. La Peire
Cor. Sec.	Mrs. Dodge
Treas.	Mrs. Weishaar

No further business appearing the Club meeting closed.

E. F. Bell
Rec. Se. pro. tem.

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Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

July 1902 to June 1903

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Tetro and Parkinson

Departments and Chairs:

Art and Literature: Mrs. Raber
(Penny Provident Fund)

Village Improvement: Mrs. Mary R. Smith

Home/Household: Mrs. Wathy

Hospitality: Mrs. G. Parkinson

Philanthropy: Mrs. Matzke

Music: Mrs. Roller

Science & Education: Mrs. Wallace

Current Events: Mrs. Lakin

Library: Miss Ford

Finances:

Money to complete planting of trees. (Mar 2). Paid for care of trees. (May 4)

Books for library \$100 (Dec. 17) Yearbook-\$15

Board Meeting Dec. 1, Jan. 5-Donations: Fireman, library, village improvement, Arbor
Day, Philanthropic Dept., Relief Fund (May 4)

Committees: Village-\$50; Philanthropy-\$10; Science & Education-\$15; Library-\$15

Fund Raising

Entertainment in July-\$115.75 (July 3)

Proceeds from Thanksgiving Day Football game: \$187 from the Citizens committee

Carnival-\$101 Cookbook (Feb. 2, 18) Club lot (Mar. 2)

Action/Events

Revised the Club constitution. (Sept. 22 Nov. 19 Dec. 17 Jan. 7, 21 Feb. 18 Mar. 18)

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Decision on dances after Club entertainment (Nov. 19)

Approved the Juvenile Court Bill. (Nov. 19)

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Annual dues increased to \$1 per year. (Jan. 5)

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Complete planting trees (Mar. 2, May 4)

Asked town to protect trees from being used as hitching posts. (Apr. 6)

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Prof. A. Murray spoke on Greece." (Apr. 15)

[1]Palo Alto

Meeting of the Board of 1902 and '03 of Woman's Club was held at the home of the President elect, Mrs. Gilbert, June 2, 1902. Meeting called to order by Mrs. Gilbert

The first business to be considered was the election of Heads of Departments for the coming year. The following ladies were nominated and elected. Library Committee, Miss Ford - chairman.

Village Improvement

Mrs. Mary Robers Smith, Chairman

Science and Education

Mrs. Yost, chairman

Home and Household

Mrs. Wathey, chairman

Art and Literature

Mrs. Raber, chairman

Philanthropy

Mrs Matzke, chairman

Hospitality

Mrs. G. Parkinson, chairman

Music Mrs. Roller chairman

After some general discussion of the work for the coming year the meeting adjourned

Annie La Peire

Secty elect

(accepted)

Palo Alto

Meeting of the Board of 1902 & '03 of the Woman's Club was held at the home of the President elect, Mrs. Gilbert, July 3, 1902.

Minutes of last meeting read and accepted. Mrs. Yost declined to act as chairman of Science and Education. Mrs. Wallace was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Bell was nominated and elected chairman of Press Committee. Mrs. Lakin nominated and elected chairman of current events. Discussion of the year book then took place. It was moved and carried that we publish a year book. Committee on same was then appointed by the chair. Mrs. Dodge, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Raber. Reports from heads of Departments were called for, and a general discussion of the work for the coming year followed. Moved, seconded and carried that each of the committees be affiliated with the regular departments. Committees are as follows

Home and Household	/social committee /Reception " /Decoration " /Refreshment " /Door Keeper "
Hospitality Committee	
Art & Literature	Music Committee Press "
Philanthropy	Consumers League committee Fruit and Flowers " Maternity and Poor Relief " Free Lecture committee
Science and Education	Current Events School Work
Savings Bank committee	S.P.C.A., Forestry, Lectures
Library	Book Committee Periodicals Schools Pictures

moved, seconded and carried that the matter of flowers for deceased members be left with the corresponding secty. Mrs. Roper was nominated and elected chairman of decorating committee. Mrs. Newland [?]....[?] declined. Each member of the Board was asked to join ...[?] one of the departments, and assist in the work. Moved, seconded, and carried that we give an entertainment during the month of July to raise money for next year's work. A preliminary meeting to arrange for same was appointed at the home of Mrs. Dodge for Monday evening July 7.

Meeting adjourned

Annie La Peire

Secty elect

approved.

[2]Palo Alto

the meeting of the Board 1902 & 1903 of the Woman's Club was held at the home of the President elect, Mrs. Gilbert, August 21, 1902. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The committee on District School entertainment reported \$115.75 above expenses. Moved, seconded and carried that we appropriate \$15.00 for the Year Book.

Departments

Village Improvement.

Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith gave an outline of the work, that she would like to have done in the town. Also mentioned that the tin boxes needed repainting, and would like to have \$50.00 if the Club would allow her that amount.

Philanthropy

Mrs. Matzki, chairman of that committee, thought \$15.00 would cover expenses for the year.

Science & Education

Mrs. Wallace, chairman of that committee asked for \$15.00

Library. Miss Ford \$15.00

moved seconded, and carried that we appropriate the money to the various departments. Mrs. Gilbert read the program for the year. A general discussion on open days then took place. Moved, seconded and carried that we make ...[?] 6 days on the program open days. Moved, seconded, and carried that we send a vote of thanks to Prof. Shaw for his service in the District School.

Meeting adjourned.

Annie La Peire

Secty elect

[3]Palo Alto

The meeting of the Board of Managers of 1902-03 of the Woman's Club met at the home of the President Mrs. Gilbert Sept 22 1902.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The President read a communication from the California History and Landmarks Committee. The president then announced that Prof. Rolfe would be unable to give the lecture on Oct. 8, but Prof. Shaw would give a talk on Calif. History and Land Marks. A General Discussion on revising the Constitution. Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to revise the constitution.

Moved and carried that the minutes of the Board of Managers, except when in executive session, be read before the Club at large. Moved and carried that we ask Prof. Assett to give a recital on Feb. 13 1903 under the auspices of the Woman's Club. Moved and carried that we add \$1.00 to the Village Improvement appropriation for a membership in the National Civic League. Mrs. Gilbert took out a membership in the National [?] & Household in the name of the Club.

Discussion on entertainment. Should we give a Xmas bazaar or a concert. Moved and carried that we do not give a bazaar. Moved and carried that we secure the new hall for the opening night and that Mrs. Dodge be a committee of one to secure the hall. Moved and carried that we serve refreshments on our open day.

Letter attached to the Minutes Book. Stationery of the Woman's Club Palo Alto, California

To the Recording Sec'y

Dear madam

At the last meeting of the Woman's Club the ladies who conduct the "Hotel Alta" joined the Club. I am informed that their membership will be an offense to the other ladies. You are therefore

requested to inform yourself quietly but fully on this question. will the membership of these ladies be objectionable to the Club members- and to meet at the house of the Pres. on Friday October 3 at 3 o'clock in Executive session prepared to vote without discussion on this question: "Shall the Sec'y be instructed to send to each of the ladies concerned the following note:

"Madam: The Board of Managers of the Womans Club of Palo Alto request you to withdraw from membership in the Club"

While membership in our Club is open to all, we yet certainly have the power to expel undesirable members. This may be done privately by the Board or publicly by the Club. If the person who is asked to withdraw wishes to contest the matter she may appeal from the decision of the Board to the Club.

Sincerely

Julia R. Gilbert

Sept 26th 1902.

[4]The Board of Managers met in executive session October 3 02 at Mrs. Gilbert to vote on the following notice. Our investigation found that only one lady was a member of the Club. The ballot was for one lady. The ballot cast was 11 - 2 in favor of sending the letter.

[5]Board of Managers met at home of the President. Members present Mesdames Raber, Gilbert, Parkinson, Wallace, Weishaar, Wathey, Matzke, Sloan. The resignation of Mrs. Dodge as corresponding secretary was read and with deep regret accepted. Moved that Mrs. Raber be elected to fill the vacancy. carried. Mrs. Ruber presented her resignation as chairman of Art and Literature Committee. the vacancy to that Dept. to be filled at next meeting. Mrs. Raber made a report as chair of Constitution comm. after some discussion the matter of membership comm. was left for some future time. no further business the appearing board adjourned. Sara F. Bell. Secty Protem

[6]The Board of Managers of the Woman's Club met at the home of the President Dec. 1 02. Minutes read and approved. Moved that \$2.00 be the average limit appropriated for refreshments on our open days. carried. Moved that Mrs. Leake be authorized to get whatever was needed, spoons, cups and saucers, tray etc. and present the bill. carried. The citizens committee sent a check for \$187 proceeds of the football game on Thanksgiving day. A resolution of thanks tendered the committee and citizens. Moved that we appropriate \$100 to the Library as a Xmas gift for books. carried. Moved that we appropriate \$50 to the Village Improvement Committee. carried. Moved that we appropriate \$10 to the Philanthropic Dept. to use as they see fit. carried. The other \$27 to be held in reserve for Arbor Day. Meeting adjourned.

[7]Palo Alto

The Board of Managers met at the home of the President Mrs. Gilbert Jan. 5 1903. Minutes read and approved. Village Improvement Committee reported on Alma Street and thought it could be made to look better to the public by planting trees. Moved and seconded that Woman's Club ask the school trustees and citizens to appoint Feb. 6 as arbor day. carried. Communication read from the Secretary of California Federation Woman's Club. Moved and seconded that the sense of the Board was that the annual club dues shall be \$1.00 per year or part of year. The proceeds of Postal Carnival \$141, expenses, \$40, net proceeds \$101. Moved and seconded that we donate \$25 to the Firemen toward the purchase of a bell. carried. Mrs. Zschokke reported on the case of the sick man which she had in charge, resolved that we give Mrs. Zschokke what she needed to

send the man to the hospital. Moved and carried that we extend an invitation to the Boys Preparatory School also to Thoburn School to attend the meeting of the Club on Jan. 7 under Art and Lit. Meeting adjourned. Annie La Peire, Secty.

[8]Palo Alto

Board of Managers met at the home of the President Feb. 2 '03. Minutes read and approved. Moved and seconded that we extend an invitation to the teachers of the schools to attend the meeting of the Club on Feb. 16 to hear Prof. Kellogg. carried. Resolved that we heartily endorse the present movement to execute the laws against the liquor traffic in the town. Moved and seconded that Mrs. Little be appointed chairman of the committee to [?] a club cook book. carried. Resolved that hereafter the meeting to be held at 3 o'clock. Annie La Peire Secty.

[9]Palo Alto

The Board of Managers met at the home of the President Mrs. Gilbert March 2 '03. Minutes were read and approved communication from Secty of Woman's Club at Los Angeles asking for the names and addresses of members of Palo Alto Woman's Club in view of a Club Directory. Moved that appropriate the money out of the Gen. Treas. to complete the planting of trees. Subjects discussed. Cook Book. Mrs. Little reported that it was well under way and hope to have it out before next month. It was decided to bring the subject of purchasing a lot before the Club at large. Entertainment Tour of the World June and a Barn Party in April Annie La Peire.

[10]Palo Alto. The Board of Managers met at the home of the President. Mrs. Gilbert April 6. Minutes read and approved. Mrs. Gilbert spoke of the Cook Book said the committee had received bids but would have to have more advertisements. Moved that the Village Improvement Committee send a communication to the Town Trustees asking them to protect the trees from being used as hitching posts. carried. Moved that an invitation be sent to the High School and Preparatory Schools to the lecture on April 15. Annie La Peire

[11]Palo Alto

The Board of Managers met at the home of the President Mrs. Gilbert May 4 '03. Minutes read and approved. Moved that the club hire a man to take care of the trees on Alma St. carried. The President appointed a committee to attend to it. Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Weishaar. Moved that the club take a membership in the Consumers League carried. This motion was made last October but was never recorded before on the books. Moved that we appropriate \$25.00 to the Relief Fund. carried.

Summary of Minutes of Palo Alto Woman's Club, June 1902 - May 1903

11 meetings

Heads of Departments: Library, Ford; Village Improvement, Mary Roberts Smith; Science and Education, Wallace; Home and Household, Wathey; Art and Literature, Raber; Philanthropy, Matzke; Hospitality, Parkinson; Music, Roller; Press, Bell; Lakin, Current Events; Yearbook, Dodge, Bell, Raber. New structure, various committees within Departments, such as--Library has Book, Periodicals, Schools, and Pictures Committees; Philanthropy has Consumers League, Fruit and Flowers, Maternity and Poor Relief, and Free Lecture.

President: Gilbert

Money Matters:

Income: District School Entertainment profit \$ 115.75, Thanksgiving Football game, \$ 187; Postal Carnival net \$101

Allocations: Year Book (originated this year) \$15; Library for Christmas \$100; Village Improvement \$50; Philanthropy \$10; Arbor Day \$27; hospital bill for man Mrs. Zschokke caring for, unspecified; \$25 to firemen to buy a bell; money to plant trees on Alma; join National Civic League and Consumers' League

Events:

Barn Party
Tour of the World
Create Cook Book
Professor Shaw lecture on California History and Landmarks
Professor Assett give recital
lecture by Professor Kellogg (invite teachers)
[invite Boys Preparatory School and Thoburn School for unspecified event]

Miscellaneous

Ask town to protect trees from being used as hitching posts
Endorse movement to execute laws against liquor traffic in town
Decline membership application of one of ladies who conduct "Hotel Alta"

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Palo Alto, Sept. 10, '02

P. McKee

The Annual Reception of the Woman's Club was held at Fraternity Hall, Sept. 10, '02.
Mrs. Parkinson, President, in the chair.

The reports of the officers were read as follows:

Recording Sec'ty	Mrs. Tetro
Treasurer	Mrs. G. Parkinson
Library	Mrs. Gilbert
Village Improvement and School Saving Fund	Mrs. Bell

Moved and carried that the reports be accepted.

In a few well-chosen words, Mrs. Markinson welcomed the guests of the day and then read the names of the new Board of Managers as follows:

President	Mrs. C. H. Gilbert
Vice Pres at Large	Mrs. H. M. Parkinson
1st Vice Pres	Mrs. A. Zschoke
2nd Vice Pres	Mrs. D. L. Sloan
3rd Vice Pres	Mrs. J. Lynn
Recording Sec'ty	Mrs. Annie La Peire
Corresponding Sec'ty	Mrs. Olive Dodge
Treasurer	Mrs. M. E. Weishaar

Department Chairmen:

Home and Household Economics	Mrs. Watley
Education and Science	Mrs. Wallace
Philanthropy	Mrs. Matzke
Art and Literature	Mrs. C.R. Raber
Library	Miss G. B. Ford
Village Improvement	Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith

A musical program was then given under the direction of Mrs. Roller.

Solo—Miss Farrel of San Francisco

Violin Solo—Miss Parankmass

Solo—Miss Marme

Orchestral Music by Messer Roller and Mrs. Roller.

The social hour and refreshments concluded the reception.

Many new names were added to the membership roll.

Annie La Peire

Sec'ty.

(approved)

[Annie La Peire's handwriting very difficult to read]

Palo Alto, Sept. 24, 1902

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity, Sept. 24, '02.

President, Mrs. Gilbert, in the chair.

Mrs. McDowell favored the Club with a vocal solo, and kindly responded with an encore.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

No report on Current Events.

The program was under the Department of Philanthropy and Dr. Dorothy Moore was introduced and gave a very interesting talk on Consumer's League.

Moved and carried that we appoint a committee on Consumer's League.

Mrs. Matzke, chairman of the Philanthropy Department, was appointed on Committee.

Moved and carried that Mrs. J. F. Parkinson be chairman of the entertainment committee and that she appoint her own committee to assist her.

The President announced that Prof. Rolfe could not give the lecture on Oct. 8 but Prof. Schur would give a talk on California Land Marks & History.

Moved and carried that the Corresponding Secty send resolution of Sympathy to Mrs. McCartney, also to Miss Heywood.

Refreshments were served, and the Club enjoyed the social hour.

Annie La Peire

Secty

approved

Palo Alto, Oct. 8, 1902

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Oct. 8, '02.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Mr. Scott Brooke gave a piano solo.

Current Events:

Mrs. F. G. Rosebrook read a very interesting paper on "Modern Literature."

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Prof. Shaw gave a most interesting talk on the teaching of Local History.

Mrs. Little gave a report on the Consumer's League.

Moved and carried that the President appoint a committee to revise the constitution.

Mrs. Raber, Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Bell were appointed as such committee.

Club adjourned for the social hour.

Mrs. Annie La Peire

Rec. Sect'y

Palo Alto, Oct. 22, 1902

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall Oct. 22, '02.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Mrs. Roller gave a piano solo.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Current Events:

Mrs. Larkin read a paper on National and Inter National Events.

Unfinished Business:

The committee on the constitution reported progress and hoped to have it finished by the next meeting.

Mrs. J. F. Parkinson, chairman of entertainment committee, reported that they had decided to give a Postal Carnival on or about Nov. 12, would also have a candy booth and refreshment booth.

Home and Household:

Mrs. Wilbur read a very interesting paper on the exterior architecture of a building. Several members gave their ideas of building a home.

Club adjourned.

Annie La Peire

Sec'ty

Palo Alto, Nov. 5, 1902

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Nov. 5, '02

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Mrs. Arthur Roller gave a violin solo, which was greatly appreciated.

Current Events:

Mrs. Miller read a paper on the lives of noted men that have died during the year.

Art & Literature:

Mr. Lee Emerson Bassett was then introduced and gave a short talk on the life and work of Dickens. He concluded his remarks by giving a selection from Nicholas Nickleby which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Raber be the delegate from the Palo Alto Woman's Club to the District State Federation Convention to be held in San Francisco. Nov. 26.

Mrs. Field gave a vocal solo, entitled "Merry Birds," after which the Club adjourned for sociability over a cup of tea.

Annie La Peire

Sec'ty

Palo Alto, Nov. 19, 1902

P. McKee

The woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Nov. 19, '02.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Roller gave a piano solo.

Current Events:

Mrs. Zschokke read a paper on National Events during the month of October.

Unfinished business:

The report of the committee on the revision of the constitution was read for the first time.

New business:

A discussion on the question, should the Woman's Club give a dance after their entertainments.

Moved that the woman's Club not give a dance after any of their entertainments, carried.

Moved that the Club approve the Juvenile Court Bill, carried.

Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith was then introduced and gave a very interesting talk on Intermittent Labor and Social Distress.

Meeting adjourned for the social hour.

Annie La Peire
Sec'ty

Palo Alto, Dec. 3, 1902

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Dec. 3, '02

Mrs. Zschokke, 1st vice president, in the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Weishaar read a very interesting paper on Current Events.

Communication read from the Treasurer of the Citizen's Committee enclosing check for \$187, proceeds of the football game on Thanksgiving Day, it was received with much applause and a resolution of thanks tendered the committee and citizens.

Mrs. Zschokke then reported that the Board of Managers had made the following appropriation:

Library	\$100.
Village Improvement	\$50.
Philanthropy Dept.	\$10.

The Club reserved \$27. for Arbor Day. Moved that the Club endorse the action of Board in the appropriation of the money, carried.

Mrs. John McCauley Fletcher was introduced and read a paper on Dutch and Italian Art.

Mr. Fred Roller closed the program with a cornet solo, after which the club adjourned for tea and a social hour.

Annie La Peire
Secty

Palo Alto, Dec. 17, 1902

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall Dec. 17, '02.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Communication received from the Library Board, thanking the Club for their present.

Current Events:

Mrs. Sheldon read an interesting paper on current events, during the month of Dec.

Music:

Miss Southwood favored the Club with a solo.

Moved and seconded that we postpone the discussion on the constitution until Jan. 7, carried.

Home and Household:

Mrs. Elliot read a paper on the decoration of the house.

Mrs. Woods read a paper on furnishing a home.

Dr. Mosher gave a short talk on the sanitation of a house.

Several of the Club members gave their ideas on home furnishings.

club adjourned for the social hour.

Annie La Peire

Secretary

Palo Alto, Jan. 7, 1903

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Jan. 7, 03.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

One half hour was devoted to the adoption of the revised constitution.

Three sections were read and adopted.

Music:

Miss Bruckman gave a violin solo.

The minutes were read and approved.

Miss Arma Briggs of San Francisco was introduced and gave an interesting talk on Art in Holland. She also gave some account of the works and personality of Mr. Keith.

Mrs. Gilbert announced that the delegate to the Annual Convention of the California Federation of Woman's Club would be elected at our next meeting.

Club adjourned for the social hour.

Annie La Peire

Sectry

Palo Alto, Jan. 21, 1903

P. McKee

Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Jan. 21, '03.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

One half hour devoted to the adoption of the revised constitution; sections 2 & 3 of Art. 4 were read and adopted. The proposed amendment of Art 5 (?) Section 2 was lost.

Music:

Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith sang a solo.

Minutes read and approved.

Current Events:

Mrs. Soper read an interesting paper on Current Events.

Miss Andrews was introduced and gave an interesting talk on the work of the Associated Charters.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Managers elect the delegate to the Convention at Fresno, carried.

Club adjourned for social hour.

Annie La Peire

Secty

Palo Alto, Feb. 4, 1903

P. McKee

Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Feb. 4, '03

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

The last three Art. of the revised constitution was (sic) read and adopted, except Section 1 of Art 7 which remained as in the old constitution.

Music:

Mr. Ed Sherman favored the Club with a violin solo.

Minutes read and approved.

Prof. Kellogg of Stanford University was introduced and gave an interesting and instructive talk on the mosquito and their relation to disease.

Current Events:

Mrs. Watley read an interesting paper on Current Events.

Resolution:

Resolved: that the Woman's Club heartily (sic) the present movement to execute the law against the Liquor Traffic in the town.

Club adjourned for the social time.

Annie La Peire

Secty

Amendment to Art. VII. Section 1.

Palo Alto, Feb. 18, 1903

P. McKee

Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Feb. 18, '03.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Mr. Gordon, accompanied by Mr Storke, favored the Club with two selections on the flute and piano.

Minutes read and approved.

The Amendment to Art. VII Section I was read and adopted.

An Amendment was announced to Art. IV Sect. I to the effect that an Auditor be added to the officers of the Club.

Current Events:

Mrs. Zschokke, who was the club's representative at the State Federation of Clubs at Freshno, read a very complete and interesting report of the proceedings of that body. department of Home and Household the afternoon was devoted to hearing discussed the various short cuts in housekeeping which have been adopted by the different members.

A Report from the Village Improvement committee read, detailing the arrangements made for Arbor Day.

Mrs. Little made her report on the progress in the work of the Consumers league, also reported the amount of material for the Club's Cook Book, and asked that all who had receipts (sic) to contribute, hand them in at once.

Club adjourned for social hour.

Annie La Peire

Recording Secty.

Palo Alto, Mar. 18, 1903

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, Mar. 18. '03.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Minutes of Feb. 18th read and approved.

Moved & secondedd that the resolution to Art IV. Sec 1 be adopted (carried.)

Miss Upham favored the Club with a piano solo.

Moved and seconded that the constitution be adopted as a whole (carried.)

Miss Mary Floyd Williams, of Oakland, gave an interesting lecture on Library work for children.

The social half hour was enlivened with a recitation by Miss Elliot and Miss Jeraldine Brown gave a vocal solo; a cup of iced frappe and wafers formed the refreshments.

Annie La Peire

Recording Secty

Palo Alto, April 1, 1903

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, April 1st, '03.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Minutes were read and approved.

Moved and seconded that a nominating committee be appointed by the chair (carried.)

Committee:

Chairman

Mrs. Bell

Members

Mrs. G. Parkinson, Mrs. Wallace

Moved and seconded that we change the program of our next meeting from Home and Household to Art and Literature. Lectur: a visit to Greece by Prof. A. T. Murray.

On account of illness, Prof. Grinnell was unable to give an address on Birds & Animals.

At the request of the Club, Assemblyman Black gave a half hour talk on some of the Bills before the recent legislature which were of special interest to women.

Club adjourned for the social half hour.

Annie La Peire

Recording Secty

Palo Alto, April 15, 1903

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, April 15, '03.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Minutes were read and approved.

Current Events:

Mrs. J. M Fletcher read an interesting paper on Current Events.

Prof. A. T. Murray of Stanford University was introduced and gave a very interesting description of his visit to Greece.

Mrs. Wallace read the report of the nominating committee as follows:

President

Mrs. C. H. Gilbert

Vice Pres at Large

Mrs. A Zschokke

1st Vice Pres

Mrs. Eva Bell

2nd Vice Pres

Mrs. Soper

3rd Vice Pres

Mrs. Annie La Peire

Recording Secty

Mrs. John McCauley Fletcher

Corresponding Secty

Mrs. Perry

Treasurer

Mrs. Weishaar

Auditor

Mrs. Carrie Brown

Nominations were now in order. Mrs. Chas. Thompson and Mrs George Parkinson were nominated for Auditor.

The Club adjourned for the social half hour.

Annie La Peire

Palo Alto, May 6, 1903

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met at Fraternity Hall, May 6, '03.

Mrs. Gilbert, president, presided.

Minutes read and approved.

Mr. Scott Brooke favored the Club with a piano solo.

Communication from Vil. Imp. Committee stating that an extra expense of \$24.40 was incurred to complete the planting of trees.

Moved that we appropriate \$24.40 to the Vil. Imp. Committee (carried.)

Moved that we appropriate \$25.00 to the ----- Relief Fund, carried.

Moved that the Secty cast the ballot for the Officers.

President	Mrs. C. H. Gilbert
Vice Pres at Large	Mrs. Annie Zschokke
1st Vice Pres	Mrs. Eva Bell
2nd Vice Pres	Mrs. Soper
3rd Vice Pres	Mrs. La Peire
Recording Secty	Mrs. John McCauley Fletcher
Corresponding Secty	Mrs. Perry

On ballot for Auditor, Mrs. George Parkinson was elected by a majority of votes cast.

Moved that wnt of so much sickness in the town that the date of the next meeting be left with the Board.

Annie La Peire

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Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

From October 1903 to April 1904

No. of board meetings: 11

Board: Mmes. Gilbert, pres., Mmes. Zschokke, Bell, Soper, LaPiere, Perry, Fletcher, Fergusson

Departments and Chairs:

Music: Mrs. Cruzon Education: Mrs. Fergusson (others are not listed)

Finances:

\$25 to renovate High School Rest Room (Nov.2,4 Mar.7 Apr.4)

Fund Raising:

Cookbook (Dec.2 Jan.3 Feb.3 Mar./7 Mar.16 Apr.4)

Bowling Alley Benefit (Dec.16)

Action/Events

Discussion - "Open days" for friends and non-members Guest cards (Oct.5 Nov.2)

District Federation Meeting (Oct.5,21 Dec.2)

Local industrial conditions affecting women and children (Oct.5)

High School Rest Room report (Oct.5 Dec.7)

Public park, replacing 16 dead trees (Oct.5 Mar.7 Apr.4)

Suppressing Sunday football (Oct.5) Sunday bowling (Dec.7)

The Gymnasium (Oct.5,21,26 Nov.2 Dec.2, 16 Jan.21 Feb.1 Mar.1)

Club protest of public exhibitions of hypnotism of young children in Palo Alto (Oct.21)

Current Events response to roll call (Nov.2)

Juvenile books for Mayfield Settlement. (Nov.2,4)

Mr. Reed Smoots expulsion from the Senate Nov.4,18 Dec. 2)

Association of Arts and Art Craftsmen (Nov.4)

Incorporation (Dec.7,16 Jan.21,27 Feb.1 Mar.7 Apr.4)

Mrs. Mary G. Campbell--Honorary President (Dec.7)

S. F. Bulletin gives one day profit to club with members involved production (Jan.21)

Lease on Mullen building considered. (Jan.27)

Completed work on high school restroom--turned over to school. (Feb.1,3)

Hospitality of club extended to gentlemen who wish to hear guest speakers.(Mar.16)

Speakers

Mrs. Rosebrook spoke on Current Events. (Oct.7)

Miss Claudine Briggs spoke on the Tahama St. Mission and Nurses Home. (Oct.7)

Mrs. Dunnaway spoke on her visit to Pompeii. (Oct.21)

Mrs. Jenkins spoke on Current Events. (Oct.21)

Mrs. Elliot spoke on the Needlework Guild of America. Nov.4,18)

Dr. Baldwin spoke on "Education in the Homre." (Nov.18)

Prof. Clark spoke on "Common Contracts." (Dec.2)

Prof. Lewers spoke on "Tickets and the Rights of Passengers." (Dec.16)

Dr. McLean spoke on the "Dhukabors." (Jan.60)

Dr. Wm. Boche spoke on "In thePath of Forgotten Centuries." (Feb.17)

Judge A.W. Charles spoke on "Incorporation (Jan. 21,Mar.7)

Dr. Wm.F. Snow spoke on "Household Sanitation." (Jan.21)

Prof. Burcham spoke on "Checks & Banking." (Feb.3)

Mrs. Stuart spoke on "Current Events." (Feb.3)

Prof. P.J. Roberts spoke on "Care and Decoration of Home Grounds." (Mar.16)

Constitution and By-Laws of the Independent Equal Suffrage League of Palo Alto - are found on the last two pages of the transcription

Board Meeting
October 5, 1903

Secretary's Book of the woman's Club of Palo Alto, 1903-1904

The executive board of the Woman's Club met in regular session at Mrs. Weisshaar's, October the fifth--the president, Mrs. Gilbert--in the chair. A number of communications were considered. The first was from the District Federation requesting the official attendance of the president and two delegates at the meeting to be held November the sixth, and the further attendance of as many members as possible. It was decided to elect the delegates at the next regular meeting of the club. A request for a five minute report of the club's educational work (to be presented at this same meeting) was read from Mrs. Osborne of the Santa Clara, and the chairman of the educational section was instructed to prepare the report.

Letters from musical and dramatic professionals were read and referred to Mrs. Cruzon, chairman of the committee on music. A letter from the Industrial Committee of the General Federation, asking the club to investigate local industrial conditions as affecting women and children was referred to Mrs. Zschokke, who was appointed chairman of a committee to be established for this purpose with power to select her own committee.

A letter from the Child Labour Committee of the General Federation, asking for the investigation of child labour and school attendance in this vicinity, was referred to the same committee.

It was agreed that the question of "open days" for the club's friends, and non-members, should be decided by the executive board, a fortnight previous to the day upon which the open meeting was to be held.

A partial report of the educational committee was made, regarding the progress of the High School Rest Room.

★ The Village Improvement Committee discussed the subject of securing a site in the Seale Tract for a public park; The replacing of sixteen trees reported dead and the means of suppressing Sunday foot-ball.

A motion to fill any accidental vacancy on the club programme by a symposium on "Social Life in the Home," was carried.

The subject of a gymnasium was discussed, and a gymnasium committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Zschokke, Mrs. Bradford, and Mrs. Watley, from the departments of philanthropy and Village Improvement, and it was unanimously decided to press the work with all possible urgency and to request Dr. Baldwin to act for the executive board in securing all necessary preliminary information, and to present the result at the next regular meeting of the club.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher,
Sec'y Woman's Club
(approved as read)

October 7, 1903

P. McKee

The Woman's Club held its first regular meeting of the year 1903-1904 on Wednesday, October the seventh, the programme being opened with a paper on "Current Events" by Mrs. Rosebrook. Miss Claudine Briggs of the Tahama St. Mission and Nurses Home was then introduced and gave an hour's talk on the outreaching work of the Home.

Mrs. McDowell closed the afternoon with a solo, after which tea was served. Seven new members were enrolled:

Mrs. J. A. Bowin
Mrs. John May
Mrs. Firebaugh
Mrs. M. Ella Brown
Miss E. A. Wright
Mrs. M. J. Greene
Mrs. E. T. Jewett

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y

(approved as read)

October 21, 1903

P. McKee

The second regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held on Wednesday afternoon, October the twenty-first, the programme being opened by a solo by Dr. Little accompanied by Mrs. Dingley (?) Mrs. Jenkins then reviewed current events, and Mrs. Dunnaway gave an illustrated talk on her visit to Pompeii.

Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Lakin were elected delegates to the District Federation meeting to be held in San Francisco, November the sixth, Mrs. Weisshaar being elected alternate.

The club registered a protest against such public exhibitions of the hypnotism of young children as were recently given in Palo Alto.

The subject of the proposed gymnasium was then brought up. The committee on gymnasium reporting favourably, and advising that the club undertake the advancement of the project. Mrs. Bell moved an endorsement of the recommendation. Mrs. Bell's motion carried, the club voting to accept the committee's recommendation, and further voting to secure twelve hundred dollars toward the support of the enterprise.

Dr. Baldwin gave an account of the initial needs of the gymnasium, and it was moved to close a provisional contract made by Dr. Baldwin with Mr. Mullen, and to take a five year's lease of the Mullen Building. The motion carried without a dissenting voice, and a subscription list was opened which met with a prompt response.

The following members were named to assist the original gymnasium committee in canvassing for further contributions: the mesdames Watly (already on), Lakin, Sloan, Morris, Bradford (already on), Weisshaar, Gilbert, Fergusson, Melon, and Dingley; and they and the committee were requested to meet at Dr. Baldwin's the following evening for further conference.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y

(approved as read)

Executive Board Meeting
October 26, 1903

The club having unanimously accepted Dr. Baldwin's report and suggestions, and having voted to undertake the gymnasium, and having enlarged the original gymnasium committee by naming it added assistants, a called meeting was held this Monday morning, October the twenty-sixth at Mrs. Weisshaar's, Mrs. Gilbert in the chair, to elect the board of trustees for the gymnasium. Dr. Baldwin, Mrs. Zschokke, Mrs. Lakin, Mrs. Gilvert, Dr. McCowan, and Professor A. A. Brown were nominated and unanimously elected with power to elect their own officers.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y

(amended and approved)

P. McKee

November 2, 1903

P. McKee

The regular November board meeting was held with Mrs. Weisshaar November the second, Mrs. Gilbert presiding. The minutes of the last (called) meeting were amended and approved.

Mr. Marshall Black was elected to the board of trustees of the gymnasium to be eligible to act as treasurer. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Fergusson, chairman of the Department of Education, and Mrs. Perry, Corresponding Secretary of the Club, be given charge of the *renovating of the High School rest-room*, and that twenty-five dollars be appropriated to the work. A list of furniture required was tabulated and given to the chairman.

It was decided to encourage the students to take part in providing and making the minor accessories of the room; and also to ask the cooperation of the teachers in the capacity of patronesses, to insure the highest standard of refined conduct on the part of the pupils using the room. It was suggested to secure short loans of good pictures for the room, in order to obtain a refreshing rotation in pictures.

Mr. Bachelor's request for juvenile books for his Mayfield Settlement was laid before the board, and Mrs. Weisshaar was appointed to receive any books contributed. Mrs. Weisshaar was also requested to receive the money collected for the gymnasium, and transfer it to the treasurer of the gymnasium board of trustees, when his election shall be reported to this board.

The subject of guest cards was discussed, but no decision arrived at; also the question as to whether one guest might be entertained oftener than twice in one year.

The Corresponding and Recording Secretaries were appointed to secure printers' estimates on the printing of the Constitution and list of club members.

It was decided that the secretary should, once a month, call the roll of members, roll call to be responded to with current events quotations.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y

(approved as read)

[no date given--Nov. 4, 1903)

P. McKee

The third regular meeting of the club. The Woman's Club was held at the usual place, Fraternity Hall, on November the fourth. The programme was opened by a musical number by Miss Cutler and Mr. Cutler.

Mrs. Dingley reported upon current events.

Mrs. Elliott gave an account of the Needlework Guild of America and the preliminary steps were taken to form a local branch.

Professor Liners (sp?) being absent, and the lecture on "Tickets and the Rights of Passengers" deferred, the remaining hour was devoted to various discussions and to routine business. A communication was read, from the Interdenominational Conference, asking the club to take action in regard to Mr. Reed Smoot's proposed expulsion from the Senate. A committee was nominated to investigate the matter, consisting of Miss Clapp, Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Corbert.

An informal and general invitation to the club, from the Associated Arts and Art Craftsmen of San Francisco, was read asking the club members to visit the artists at their new home, 2203 Central Avenue, San Francisco. A request was made for juvenile books for use of the lads of Mayfield to be circulated there through the medium of Mr. Bachelor's proposed College Settlement.

Twenty-five dollars was voted out of the club funds for tinting and painting the High School rest-room, and contributions of furniture solicited for it. It was announced that there would be a roll call responded to by current events, at the next regular meeting of the club.

The club then adjourned to meet November the eighteenth.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y
(Approved as read)

Palo Alto, Nov. 18, 1903

P. McKee

The fourth regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held on November the eighteenth at Fraternity Hall. The programme was opened by a musical number, "Some Folk-Songs of Childhood," by Mrs. Firkenter, accompanied by Mr. Firkenter.

This was followed by Dr. Baldwin's address on "Education in the Home."

The committee on the Reed Smoot expulsion proposal reported strongly in favour of petitioning the Senate for expulsion, and the officers were requested to sign and forward such a petition to the United States Senators from California now in Washington.

A report was given of the progress of the Needlework Guild, and it was announced that members of the Guild might choose which one of the three local sections they preferred to work in.

The club adjourned, after a memorably enjoyable programme, to meet December the second.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y
(Approved as read)

Palo Alto, December 2, 1903

P. McKee

The fifth regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held at Fraternity Hall, December the second, the programme being opened by a piano solo by Miss Clark, followed by a paper on current events by Mrs. Frisbie, and a lecture on "Common Contracts" by Professor George L. Clark. The president made a statement of the club's exact liabilities in regard to the *gymnasium* expenses, and reported having taken the desired action in regard to forwarding the papers in the Reed Smoot case.

The afternoon closed with tea and a social hour.

The secretary omitted, owing to the way in which her papers were folded, to see and to read an item of the minutes of the meeting of November the eighteenth, recording Mrs. Morris's and Mrs. Lakin's delegates' report of the recent District Federation meeting in San Francisco. As these reports added one of the chief (?) features to an afternoon of special interest and pleasure, the secretary takes this method of having the item recorded with these present minutes and entered in the minute book.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y
(Approved as read)

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Dec. 7, 1903

The regular December board meeting was held with Mrs. Perry, December the seventh, Mrs. Gilbert presiding.

The committee on the printing of the constitution, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Fletcher, reported in favour of Mr. Stewart's bid.

The recipe book progress was reported upon, and a motion carried to take the sum of fifty dollars from the treasury to pay the printer of the book.

Mrs. Fergusson reported on the satisfactory progress of the work of furnishing the High School rest-room. Mrs. Bell offered to loan two pictures and secure a rug for it. Mrs. Fergusson reported a tow-and-a-half dollar surplus on hand, remaining from the original appropriation, and that the school-girls had contributed a dollar and three quarters.

It was moved that the club constitution be published, but this was tabled until the question of incorporation be settled.

Mrs. Bell was appointed to investigate fully all details of incorporation, and to make a report at the next club meeting.

It was decided to have tea on February the third and open house on the twenty-first of January.

The question of Sunday bowling was discussed, and the custom was unanimously disapproved.

The secretary was instructed to buy one record book, and keep both records in one book: i.e. the records of the regular club meetings and those of the executive board meetings; and she was requested to copy into it the entries from the two separate books up to date, kept during her term.

The board recommended the election of Mrs. Mary G. Campbel as Honourary President of the Club.

Katherine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y
(Amended and approved)

Palo Alto, Dec. 16, 1903

P. McKee

The sixth regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held on December the sixteenth, Mrs. Gilbert presiding.

The programme was opened by Mis Howe with a piano solo. Professor Lewers (sp?) gave a talk on "Tickets and the Rights of Passengers."

Mrs. Bell's report on the incorporation of the Club was deferred until the next meeting, to enable Mrs. Lewis to talk to the club on incorporation, an invitation to him to do so at the first meeting in January being extended to him.

Mrs. Frisbie, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Roller were appointed to meet with the board, to discuss the details of an open day for the gymnasium.

It was decided to have a bowling-alley benefit on the Saturday following this meeting.

The president reported that about eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars has been secured for the gymnasium.

Ten members of the Club undertook to sell ten copies each of the new receipt book which is not off the press and was on view at the club meeting.

This concluded the business of the day.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y
(Amended and approved)

Board Minutes
Jan. 4, 1904

The regular meeting of the board was held at the home of Mrs. Perry, January the fourth at three o'clock. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report was heard from the chairman of the cook-book committee. The treasurer was instructed to advance the money from the treasury to pay for printing the cook-book, the amount being fifty-six dollars.

The subject of the Woman's Club towards the bowling-alley was discussed at length. A motion was carried that, "Since there was a misunderstanding, the gymnasium opening day receipts be not accepted if tendered."

There being no other business, the board adjourned.

Mrs. Perry
Sec'y, pro tem
(Amended and approved)

January 6, 1904

P. McKee

Minutes of Woman's Club, kept by Mrs. Rosebrook, Sec'y pro tem.

The Woman's Club met at the usual time, Wednesday, January the sixth. The president being absent, Mrs. E. Bell acted. The secretary being ill, the minutes were read by Mrs. F. G. Rosebrook. One correction and minutes stand approved.

Miss Grace Clark sang "The Coming of the Swallows." There was no roll-call. Dr. McLean was introduced and spoke at length on the Dhukabors. Mrs. Bell then spoke on incorporation. Mrs. Lakin presented the cookbooks, and urged the members to take some to sell. There being no further business, the Club adjourned.

F. G. Rosebrook
Acting Sec'y

January 21, 1904

P. McKee

January the twenty-first, the secretary being still ill, the minutes of the meeting were kept by a temporary secretary, and at this writing have not been handed in (Aug. 15) According to the calendar, Dr. Wm Snow was to have addressed the meeting on that date. Space is left below for the minutes in case they come to hand.

K. J. D. Fletcher

Sec'y on date Jan. 21st, now copying this for Mrs. Steward (sec'y succeeding me" by request of Mrs. Lakin.

K. J. D. Fletcher

retired sec'y, Aug. 15.

Minutes of the Club meeting of January the twenty-first, at Fraternity Hall, kept by Mrs. Frisbie.

The Woman's Club held its regular meeting at the above time and place, the president Mrs. Gilbert presiding. Meeting called to order at three o'clock. The secretary, Mrs. Fletcher, being absent through illness, Mrs. Frisbie was appointed secretary pro tem. *The meeting opened with a piano solo by Mrs. Beebe. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.* The president then introduced Judge A.W. Charles, who gave a talk on incorporation, which was very instructive and was listened to with great attention. Members were given an opportunity to ask questions on the subject and much information was obtained in this manner.

At the conclusion of Judge Charles's remarks, Dr. Wm F. Snow was introduced. He spoke on the subject of Household Sanitation. The president announced that the gymnasium would open Monday evening the twenty-fifth, also an announcement from Mrs. Josephine Rand Rogers, that, as she is to organize classes for different lines of literary work, she would be pleased to meet all persons interested in the formation of any of the classes on Saturday afternoons, January the twenty-third at three o'clock, at Miss Harker and Miss Hughes' school. A communication was read from Mrs. W. B. Hill, corresponding sec'y of the San Jose Woman's Club inviting the Palo Alto Club to join the alliance. A communication had also been received by the president from Mrs. ARthur W. Cornwall of the California Club of San Francisco, stating that the San Francisco Bulletin had made the very generous offer to allow the California Club, with a membership of five hundred, to manage, edit, and publish that paper on February second, all the profits of the publication on that day to be applied to the building of a club-house, and the Club was asked to purchase copies of that ediction to assist them i their work.

The following delegates were elected to the State Federation to be held in Sacramento the ninth-tenth, and eleventh of February. Mrs. Lakin and Mrs. Corbert were elected. Mrs. Lakin stated that she would pay her own expenses. The president stated that she could not attend the Federation.

The subject of Incorporation was then taken up, and as the hour was late and many members had gone, it was moved to hold an adjourned meeting on Wednesday afternoon, the twenty-seventh, at three o'clock, to vote upon incorporation, and that each member be notified in writing of the same. Motion seconded and carried. It was suggested that a committee of six, on incorporation, be elected. The suggestion was acted upon, with the following result: Mesdames Sloan, Frisbie, Bradford, Miss Clapp, Mesdames Lewis and Baldwin, comprising said committee. This concluded the business of the afternoon and the meeting adjourned. At the close of the meeting, the president appointed Mrs. Frisbie as her representative to the State Federation.--Geraldine Frisbie, sec'y pro tem

Adjourned Meeting of the Woman's Club
Jan 27, 1904

An adjourned meeting of the Woman's Club was held on Wed., Jan 27, to discuss the subject of incorporation.

The business of the meeting was opened by an address by Mrs. Gilbert on the public work of various kinds already accomplished by the Club. This was followed by a motion that a copy of the lease of the Mullen Building be read to the Club and a lawyer asked to interpret it to the Club. Voted upon, the result was 22 "yea's" and 12 "nays." Carried.

Mrs. Cruzon asked, "Whether it had not been stated that the club would have no debt on the apparatus," and the president replied that, "The plumbing was to be paid for, and only such apparatus purchased as the funds subscribed would pay for."

Mrs. Lakin then asked the question, "How much debt will the club have to assume?" And the president stated that, "It would have to pay a legal debt of \$40 per month, but that the Club is morally responsible for the running expenses, if there is any lack, the total expenses being about \$100 per month."

Mr. Charles, barrister, arrived at this time and interpreted the lease. Mrs. Watley moved that "a legal notice be inserted in the town papers, that the club will meet on the first Wednesday in March to vote on Incorporation." It passed. "The club will also at that time vote on articles of incorporation and elect directors." Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Frisbie "that nominations be from the floor." Carried. This ended the business of the day, and the meeting adjourned.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y

Minutes of the board Meeting
Feb. 1, 1904

The Executive board met on Feb. 21, with Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Gilbert presiding. It was proposed that articles of Incorporation be drawn up within a week and prepared to submit to a lawyer. Mrs. Parkinson proposed that, "We meet two weeks from the 1st of Feb. to consider the articles of incorporation." Carried. Mrs. Cruzon moved "that the president appoint four members of the executive board, to act with the president, as a committee to draw up articles of incorporation." Carried.

Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Sloan, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Fletcher were appointed. The following recommendations were made to aid this committee: first, that the board of directors consist of eleven members, and that, of this board, the president, two vice-presidents, recording secretary, and treasurer be members; second, that we follow the California Club's Articles of Incorporation dealing with the time of election and holding over. This committee was requested to meet at Mrs. Bradford's at half past ten o'clock, the next Friday morning. Professor Brown's resignation from the gymnasium committee was accepted, and Dr. Storey elected to fill his place. Mrs. Morris brought up the subject of the deficit in the reception expenses. The corresponding sec'y was instructed to write Mr. Charles, asking for the bill for his services to the club in interpreting the lease. The discussion of the restroom brought out the statement that the committee has finished its work, and the room is now turned over to the teachers' cares. It was moved that "we authorize the purchase of a locker for china and plate." Carried. This completed the business, and the meeting was adjourned.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y

Feb. 3, 1904

P. McKee

The Woman's Club held its regular meeting Feb. 3 at Fraternity Hall, when the program was opened by a paper on Current Events by Mrs Stuart. Professor Burcham gave a talk on "Checks and Banking."

The minutes of the last regular meeting, of Jan. 21, not having come to hand, it was moved by Mrs. Frisbie that the approval and reading of them be deferred. Carried.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting of Jan. 27 read, amended, and approved.

A letter fro a High School Committee, thanking the ladies of the club for their kindness in supplying the restroom. The Needlework Guild was brought to the attention of the members and its work discussed. A report was aked on the sale of recipe books. This closed the business of the day, and a social hour followed.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y

The report of the regular meeting of Feb. 17, when Dr. Wm Boche addressed the Club on "In the Path of Forgotten Centuries," not having been yet handed in by the Sec'y pro tem (at this writing, August 15) space is reserved for it in the next pages.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y

Feb. 17, 1904

P. McKee

The Woman's Club met in regular session at the above time and place. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Julia R. Gilbert. The secretary, Mrs. Fletcher, was noted absent, and Mrs. Geraldine Frisbie was appointed sec'y pro tem. The minutes of Jan. 21st were read and the following corrections made, after which they were approved: Should read State Federation, instead of District, and the name of Mrs. Corbert added as a regularly elected delegate to that body. Mr. Childs favored

This is all of the above minutes which reached me, the last pages having apparently been lost.

Katharine J. D. Fletcher
Sec'y

Minutes of the meeting of March the third, kept by a sec'y pro tem, never having reached me, I proceed without them.

P. McKee

Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 7, 1904
Kept by Mrs. S. K. Bradford

The Executive board of the Woman's Club met with Mrs. C. H. Gilbert, March 7, 1904. The sec'y being absent, the reading of the minutes of the last board meeting was omitted and Mrs. Bradford was asked to take note of official acts of the meeting. Mrs. Gilbert stated that another vacancy on the gymnasium board had been caused by the resignation of Professor A. A. Brown, which should be at once filled. Mr. C. S. Downing's name was proposed and he was unanimously elected.

There was also another vacancy on the gymnasium board of trustees to which Mrs. S. R. Bradford was elected, Mrs. Lakin, by virtue of her office becoming an ex-officio member. It was understood that the gymnasium board of trustees would be distinct from the club board, but under its management. The cookbook matter was discussed and the ladies were urged to continue their efforts to dispose of as many as possible. Mrs. Gilbert stated that on account of the great liability to fire, the gymnasium apparatus had to be insured, and that some extra incidental expenses had been incurred.

Forty-four dollars had been raised by Mesdames Gilbert, Baldwin, Weisshaar and Bradford. Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Weisshaar were continued as custodians of the trees and were empowered to replace all missing trees and have them cared for during the summer. As a slight token of recognition for their services as press correspondents, the annual dues of Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Kasson were remitted. Mrs. Lakin reminded the board of Mr. Simpkin's kindness in selling cookbooks, and Mrs. Gilbert said that Mr. Charles should also be given a vote of thanks for his services relative Incorporation information.

Both referred to Club for action. The School Savings Dept came in for discussion, and it was decided to advise the children to transfer their accounts to the savings department of the Palo Alto Banks before the close of the school year. Mrs. Morris again reminded the ladies of the deficit in the annual reception expenses and urged that the balance be paid at once. It had been arranged for.

Dr. Roberts to take the place of Dr. Flugel. Mrs. Lakin asked that the ladies be given an opportunity to sign the constitution before the close of the year, and it was the opinion that there would be time after Mr. Blair's lecture on April 6. Adjourned.

Mrs. S. K. Bradford
Sec'y pro tem

Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Transcribed from photocopies of minutes, March 16, 1904 to May 17, 1905

Jeanne McDonnell, transcriber, 2/98

Fraternity Hall Palo Alto Cal

March 16 - 1904

The Woman's Club convened at the usual hour. Vice-President Mrs. Eva Bell presiding in the absence of the President Mrs. Gilbert. The Secretary being absent, Mrs. Stuart was appointed to fill the office temporarily.

Miss Ruth Foster gave a vocal solo "Since First I met Thee" Miss Faye Farris accompanying.

Mrs. Zschokke reminded the Club of favors received from attorneys S. W. Charles and J. P. Lewis during the action on incorporation, and also of courtesies extended by proprietors of the "Times" and "Palo Alto," both papers having gratuitously published notices for the Club. A motion to tender a vote of thanks to Messrs. Charles and Lewis and to the papers mentioned was made by Mrs. Zschokke, seconded and carried.

Mrs. Lakin moved that a vote of thanks be given Mr. Simkins who had allowed the Club cook book to be placed on sale in his store, and had thereby greatly assisted the committee in charge. The motion received a second and was carried.

Mrs. Baldwin occupied a few minutes in calling attention to the concert to be given by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, urging parents to make an effort that the children might hear and enjoy the unique entertainment.

Professor J. P. Roberts for many years connected with Cornell University, was introduced and gave a helpful address on "the care and decoration of home grounds."

Mrs. Lakin reported a discussion in the recent Board meeting as to inviting gentlemen interested in subjects presented to attend meetings of the Club. Mrs. Lakin moved that the hospitality of the Club be extended to gentlemen; seconded & carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Adjournment

Mary M. Stuart

Sec. pro tem.

Resolutions of Respect

Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom thought best to remove from

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Featherstone, our sister and co-worker, and

[] recognize we have lost a friend,

[] of integrity and Christian character,

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[] which our Club stands, therefore be it

[] that we realize our loss by this

[] is her immeasurable gain, and

[] that our sincere sympathy be

[] extended to those near and

[] so sorely bereft and that we

[] that He who "doeth all things well"

[] He chasteneth.

[] That these resolutions be written

[]and that a copy be forwarded
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Mary M. Stuart]
Geraldine E. Frisbie] committee
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Fraternity Hall April 6 - 1904

The Woman's Club was called to order in regular session by President Mrs. Gilbert. The program opened with a vocal solo by Miss Wilson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication from the State Federation of Woman's Clubs was read, asking for names of delegates to the biennial session of the General Federation to be held in St. Louis in May. Mrs. Gilbert stated she hoped the President Mrs. J. S. Lakin would be in attendance to represent our Club and hoped two other members could go as delegates.

A communication from the Woman's Club of Portland, Or, was read soliciting subscriptions to a special edition of a paper, the proceeds to be used in the erection of a Clubhouse. Members subscribed for thirty five copies.

A circular from the Colorado Cliff Dwelling Association asked the Club's endorsement of a bill providing for the creation of a national park and the preservation of these interesting ruins. Mrs. S. K. Bradford moved the Club endorse the bill; motion was seconded by Mrs. Geo Parkinson and carried, the Secretary being instructed in the matter.

Mrs. Gilbert stated the Executive Board recommended making the first President, Mrs. E. L. Campbell, Honorary President of the Club. A motion to that effect was made by Mrs. Gertrude Dibble, was seconded, and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Gilbert stated that the Incorporation papers having arrived, the Club was duly incorporated and that By-Laws must be adopted within thirty days of date of incorporation. Mrs. Gilbert asked Mrs. Lakin to appoint a committee to draft the same and report April 20. Appointed were Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Stuart to serve with Mrs. Lakin.

The Club was invited by the Women's Clubs of San Jose to be present and participate in the Blossom Festival the following day.

Retiring President Mrs. Julia R. Gilbert thanked the Club for a very pleasant incumbency and bespoke for Mrs. Lakin the generous support accorded herself.

Professor Blair who was to have addressed the Club on Investment and Liabilities was absent because of illness, and Miss Gail Laughlin, lawyer, had promised to occupy the hour. After a short intermission passed in sociability, Miss Laughlin was introduced and gave an able lecture on the legal standing of woman in this and other states. Mrs. Gilbert on behalf of the Club thanked Miss Laughlin.

Members of Girls Glee Club of the High School directed by Professor Jeffers sang two numbers - "Sunset," and "The Sextette" from Lucia De Lammermoor.

Adjourned

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Fraternity Hall April 20 - 1904

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto convened at the usual hour in response to the fall of the gavel in the hand of President Mrs. J. S. Lakin. The program opened with a few words from Mrs. Lakin who thanked the Club for the honor conferred on her by her election to the presidency and expressed the hope that a successful year of Club activity would follow. Recognizing the

exceptional ability of her predecessor, Mrs. Julia R. Gilbert, she realized the necessity of cordial co-operation of the membership and happily promised to do her part toward maintaining the high standing of the club.

Miss Lynn followed with a pleasing vocal solo.

Mrs. Gertrude Dibble verbally presented current events ably handling topics of national and international import including the war in the Orient, the status of the canal project, and matters considered by Congress.

[] were read and approved with the inserting of two words.

Mrs. Gilbert, chairman of committee on By-Laws was called on and reported By-Laws had been drafted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that the reports be read and acted upon section by section, carried.

Articles I & II were adopted as read.

" III, Sec. 3, relating to reinstatement of members was amended & article adopted.

" IV & V adopted as read.

" VI adopted as amended.

" VII & VIII adopted as read.

Discussion as to the advisability of adopting an authority on parliamentary law, resulted in a motion by Mrs. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Bell to the effect that Roberts Rules of Order be used as authority at all meetings. The motion prevailed and was incorporated in the By-Laws as Article IX.

Mrs. Geo Parkinson moved the club adopt the By-Laws as a whole. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Gilbert stated it was necessary to secure the signatures of two thirds of the members to the By-Laws during the current month, less than a majority of the club being present, and suggested that all present should sign at this time, other names to be added later. Mrs. Frisbie moved the club empower the President and the By-Laws committee to secure a sufficient number of additional names to complete the necessary seventy-four. Seconded and carried.

Mrs. Corbert suggested having the By-Laws and articles of Incorporation printed for the convenience of members. The president stated some of the members had proposed having it done, and the books sold at ten cents apiece to cover expense. It was suggested that the membership list be included. A motion that this be done was made and carried.

Adjournment

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Executive Board

May 2, 1904

The Executive Board met at the home of the President, Mrs. J. S. Lakin at 3 p.m., a majority of the Board being present. The first in order of business was election of officers. This resulted as follows: Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. F. Perry, Auditor, Mrs. Geo Parkinson.

Heads of Departments:

Art & Literature, Mrs. Sarah M. Scofield

Village Improvement, Mrs. S.k. Bradford

Science & Education, Mrs. Eva F. Bell

Philanthropy, Mrs. Jessie Wathey.

Committees

Hospitality: Mrs. Ellen C. Sherman, Mrs. Agnes B. Kitchen, Mrs. E. A. Soper (each to serve three months)

Social, Mrs. Marian Morris

Music, Mrs. Augie Cruzan
Current Events, Mrs. Gertrude Dibble
Gymnasium, Mrs. Julia R. Gilbert

A loan of the Club teaspoons having been requested, Mrs. Bell was made custodian of the spoons with authority to lend to responsible persons.

The Board of Trustees for the Gymnasium, named by the former executive board and consisting of Dr. C. G. Baldwin, Mrs. Claude Downing, Dr. C. McGowen, Mrs. Zschokke, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Lakin was confirmed: a motion to that effect being made by Mrs. Wathey, seconded by Mrs. Cruzan and carried.

The matter of serving lunch on July 4th was discussed and left for action by the Club. Question of a program for May 18, the advisability of postponing the meeting on account of "Commencement Day" was discussed. The sentiment was in favor of a miscellaneous program, open house, and no postponement.

The president broached the subject of admitting guests to club meetings. All thought well to enforce the regulation which admits women guests by card granted on payment of twenty-five cents.

Mrs. Cruzan made a motion that a statement to this effect be placed on printed programs for next season, and to apply to all regular meetings. Mrs. Varney seconded the motion. Carried.

Mrs. Cruzan moved that some one be asked to be responsible for the position of doorkeeper during the year. Motion prevailed and Mrs. Geo Parkinson chosen.

Mrs. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mrs. Cruzan that we issue membership cards to be given as receipts for dues and admit members. Carried.

Several communications were read, none requiring action.

Program for ensuing year was given consideration. a suggestion made by the president met with favor, and provided that Heads of Depts. be responsible for one meeting each during the year. material to be furnished by Club members.

The following were suggested as speakers who would be available and be acceptable to the Club. Dr. E. A. Osborne, Dr. Wm Bade, Dr. Duniway, Dr. Fairau, Dr. Rolfe, Mrs. Alma White, Dr. Dudley, Rev. Mrs. Milnes, Prof Flugel, Mrs. Cushing, Dr. Jordan. As three of these would probably give stereopticon lectures, necessitating electric arrangements, the Board authorized the expenditure of a small sum for that purpose.

A motion by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Morris, authorized Mrs. Bell to invest \$4.00 in a cupboard needed for kitchen use.

A suggestion was made that ten cents admission fee be charged for illustrated lectures.

Also suggested that wafers and fruit punch be served at annual reception.

The dancing platform to be erected by 4th of July committee (citizens) was informally discussed. Sentiment was against - the proposition but no formal action was taken.

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Fraternity Hall, May 4 - 1904

The Woman's Club was called to order at 3 p.m. by the President, Mrs. J. S. Lakin. Mrs. H. Hilde Smith gave a charming whistling solo, Mrs. Cruzan accompanying, and responded to an encore.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the Executive Board were read.

The president stated that money is needed for summer expenses of the gymnasium and Mrs. Gilbert followed explaining that it had been proposed that a lunch be served on July 4th to obtain funds. Mrs. Wyckoff moved that the Club serve luncheon on the 4th to help defray

expenses. Mrs. Parkinson seconded the motion. Motion carried, after discussion participated in by several members.

Mrs. Cruzan made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Bell, that a luncheon committee be appointed by the Gymnasium committee. Motion carried.

It having been suggested that the Club take charge of a children's participation in the 4th of July celebration, the matter was discussed, but owing to absence of so many children at that time, and for other reasons, it was thought inadvisable to attempt it. Mrs. Wathey made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Cruzan, that we cannot undertake the work. Carried.

The President appointed the Club a committee for receiving visitors on the 4th, in lieu of a committee of 25 suggested by the celebration committee.

In regard to refreshments to be served at the annual reception, Mrs. Bell moved that we serve only punch and wafers. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Weisshaar and carried.

Mrs. J. A. Cruzan was introduced and prefaced her remarks on the Hawaiian Islands with a few items of geographical significance, then dwelt on the peculiarities of the race as it used to be, mentioning many superstitions and rites and giving interesting personal experiences.

The Club adjourned

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

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Fraternity Hall, May 8 - 1904

The Club convened at the regular hour. Vice-President Mrs. Baldwin in the chair. Minutes of May 4 were read and approved. Miss Arnott gave a piano solo - "Impromptu," by Schubert.

Mrs. Alma Glasgow White of the Arts and Crafts Society of San Francisco was introduced and spoke on the necessity of cultivating an appreciation of arts in our country & emphasized the importance of beginning with children.

Miss Fallenins (?) followed with a violin solo. Mrs. Gilbert reported progress on arrangements for 4th of July luncheon.

The Club adjourned to enjoy half an hour's sociability.

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

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Executive Board

August 8 - 1904

The Board met in regular session at the home of the President, Mrs. J. S. Lakin, a majority of the members being present.

After discussing plans for the annual reception, it was decided to invite Mrs. A. E. Osborne, District Pres. and Mrs. George Law Smith, State Pres. to be with us on that occasion.

Mrs. Dibble was asked to confer with the com. on Village Improvements and see if Mr. D. H. Burnham, a celebrated landscape architect could be secured for a lecture in Oct.

A program for the reception was suggested to include reports, vocal music, orchestral selections, and a talk on the Biennial Federation by Mrs. Smith, if agreeable to her.

Discussion of guests and membership cards resulted in a motion by Mrs. Varney seconded by Mrs. Parkinson that each member be given two guest cards, on the payment of dues. Motion carried. To obviate confusion likely to occur at first in the use of membership cards it was suggested that cards be issued to all members at the beginning of the season, such cards to be signed by the Treasurer, when current dues are paid - said dues being delinquent Jan. 1st.

Meeting adjourned to meet in special session August 15 at same time & place.

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

August 15 - 1904

Pursuant to call a majority of the Board met at the home of President Mrs. Lakin at 3 p.m. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

By suggestion of Mrs. Lakin, Mrs. Gilbert was asked to serve on the Calendar committee with the Department Chairmen, the President and Secretary.

Ms. Scofield, for Art and Literature reported the four members for her Dept. After some little discussion, further action on the program for the ensuing year was left to the committee and a meeting called for ten o'clock Wednesday morning at Mrs. Stuart's.

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Aug. 17 04

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Fraternity Hall Sept. 7 - 04

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Constitution and By-Laws of the
Independent Equal Suffrage League of Palo Alto

Article I

Name

This league shall be known as the Independent Equal Suffrage League of Palo Alto.

Article II

Objects

To secure the passage of the constitutional amendment providing for equal suffrage submitted to the voters of the state at the legislature of 1911, and to obtain the right of equal suffrage thereby to all citizens.

Article III

League

This league shall be non-partisan, independent of, and not affiliated with any political party or organization. This shall not be interpreted to mean any other suffrage organization.

Article IV

Membership

All persons may become members by paying the annual dues.

Article V

Officers

Sec. 1. The officers of this League shall be a president, two vice-presidents, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and treasurer, who shall hold office for one year.

Sec. 2. The president, first vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and six members, elected by the League from its membership, shall constitute the executive committee of the League.

Article VI

Election of Officers

Sec. 1. The annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held the first regular meeting in March.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the president, or in the absence of the president, by one of the vice presidents or on petition of five members of the League.

Article VIII

Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the League by a two-thirds vote of all of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at a previous meeting.

By-Laws

Article I.

Sec. 1. All of the nominations of officers and other members of executive committee shall be by informal ballot.

Sec. 2. All officers shall be elected for a period of one year.

Article II

Duties of Officers

Sec. 1. President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the League and perform all other duties pertaining to the office. In the absence of the president, the duties of the office shall devolve on the vice-presidents in their order. In the absence of both president and vice-presidents, the chairman of the meeting shall be elected from the floor, and the secretary shall call the meeting to order. The Executive Committee meetings shall be governed in the same manner as the regular League meetings as to their presiding officer.

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Women's Club of Palo Alto 475 Homer Ave. Palo Alto, Ca.94301

Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

September 1904 to May 1905

No. of board meetings: 9

Board: Mmes. Lakin, Pres; Baldwin, V-Pres; Stuart, Sec.; Weisshaar, Treas.;
G. Parkinson, Morris, Gilbert, Sloane, and Wyckoff

Departments and Chairs

Art and Literature:

Legislative: Park

Press: Stuart

Civics: Thompson (incl. Village Improvement:)

Science and Education:

Philanthropy:

Finances

Treas. report from last year: Receipts \$1659 Disbursements \$1656.70 (Sept 7)

Disbursements this year: Gymnasium fund \$5; Club publications \$22 (Oct 3)

Cost of cultivating city trees \$16 (see May 1); Cost of wiring and electricity for
illustrated lecture \$1.50 (Jan 5 Mar 6); subsidies to purchase lot \$573 (May 1,3)

Fund Raising

Planning social event (Mar 6 & 15)

Pledges to fund purchase lot (see **Action** below)

Action/Event

Pledges to help fund a club house for women students in Berkeley (Oct 3, 5)

Host: District Federation Club meeting in Palo Alto Nov 5. (Oct. 3 Nov 2 May 5)

Building club house (Oct 19 Nov.2,16,26 Dec.7,21Jan 5,18 Feb.6,13 Mar.15,May 3)

Request for protection of trees planted and cultivated-6 missing (see Mar 6 May 1)

Endorsed NDGW petition for statue in Washington D.C. (Nov 7)

Request to State Assemblyman Mitcheltree to appoint women assist. physicians to State

Hospitals and to support a "certain war fund" for forestry. (Feb. 13)

Sent donations of food, clothing and money to a destitute family. (May 3)

Gymnasium (Oct.5. Nov.7, Mar.15, May 3,17,29)

Public Library (Oct. 19)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Mrs. Alona Glassgow spoke on Art in the Public Schools (Sept. 2)

Mrs. Florence Bolton & Dr. Mosher spoke on physical culture. (Oct. 5)

Mrs Wathy read extracts on Marriage and Divorce. (Oct. 5)

Dr. Duniway spoke on Historic California (Oct. 19)

Miss Clapp, Political Equality Club, invited the Club to join in building
a club house. (Oct. 19)

Prof Rolfe spoke on Jane Austin (see Nov. 16)

Mr. Seale spoke on South Sea Islands and Their People. (Dec 7)

Dr. Osborne spoke on The Child and the State. (Jan. 5)

Dr. Dudley spoke on Forestry. (Feb 1)

Dr. Farrand spoke on Western Movements. (Feb. 15)

Miss Schofield spoke on Music followed by a piano concert of Chopin, Mozart,
Scallati, Grieg, Hayden, Beethoven, Rubenstein etc. (Mar. 15)

Mrs. Peck spoke on the Phillippines. (Apr. 5)

Rev. Milnes spoke on Orphan Homes of California. (Apr. 19)

Dr. R.W. Bade, Berkeley, spoke on "Among the Birds" Mar. 1

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The Secretary read the report for the department of Science and Education. Mrs. A. S. Ferguson, Chairman, School Savings, and the "rest room" at the High School were cited as evidence of activity under this head.

Dr. Little favored the Club with a vocal solo, Miss Wilson accompanying.

Mrs. M. E. Weisshaar Treas. reported financial items including total receipts of \$1659.00 and disbursements of \$1656.70.

Retiring Secretary Mrs. Feltcher gave a resume of the year's meeting.

A pleasing vocal selection was given by Miss Smith who kindly responded to an encore.

The President, Mrs. Lakin, briefly mentioned a number of strong addresses and other interesting features of the Biennial meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs at St. Louis in May at which she represented the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

Mrs. Nellie Roller gave a charming vocal solo. The program closed with a violin solo. The program closed with a violin solo by Mr. Sheibley, Miss Farris accompanist, and the company adjourned for a social hour. Refreshments were served from tables presided over by Mesdames Kitchen, Parkinson, and Soper, assisted by a member of young girls, and several piano selections enlivened the passing of time. The reception committee ably performed its duties, and despite the extremely warm day and consequent diminished attendance, the occasion was a pleasant success. Mary M. Stuart, Secretary.

[Note along side of page] Mrs. Gilbert reported for the Ch of Phil a branch of the Needlework Guild had been formed, 200 articles contributed to the Tehama St. Nurses home S. F. and a second donation is ready for the local Guild Hospital.

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Fraternity Hall, Sept 2 - 04

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto convened at the usual hour, Pres. Mrs. Lakin in the chair. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Current Events presented by Miss Holly included timely and interesting art topics.

Mrs. Alma Glasgow White was introduced and gave a lecture on Art in the Public Schools beginning with the origins of art as revealed in the study of antiquities and noting in more ordered detail the succeeding development and the applications of art in the industrial world, concluding with a plea for education which fosters an appreciation of the beautiful.

Mrs. Gilbert reported the formation of classes at the Gymnasium and the beginning of the season's work. Mrs. Bradford followed with a few remarks on the same line.

Mrs. Morris called attention to the needs of the Guild Hospital. Donations of linen - old or new- odd dishes, flowers, etc. would be acceptable. Mrs. Gilbert stated articles from the needlework Guild would soon be available. The meeting then adjourned.

Mary M. Stuart, Secretary.

Executive Board

Monday Oct. 3 - 1904

The Executive Board met in regular session at the home of the President, Mrs. J. L. Lakin. Minutes of the meeting held Aug. 15 were read and approved.

A communication from Mrs. Angie Cruzan was read tendering her resignation as chairman of the music committee. Mrs. Gilbert moved that the resignation be accepted, with regrets. Motion received a second & carried.

the name of Mrs. Lizzie Roller was suggested as a possible successor. Mrs. Geo Parkinson

moved that Mrs. Roller be elected to the office. Seconded and carried.

A communication from Mrs. A. E. Osborne, Vice-President for this District, called attention to the per capita tax of two cents being due the Dist. Federation. Mrs. Bell made a motion to the effect that a warrant be drawn on the Treasury for the Amount carried. The Secretary read a communication from Mrs. G. Ostrander offering her hall for meetings of the club, the price as given to the President being \$1.50 per meeting. Prevailing sentiment was that the hall, owing to size, approach, etc. was no more desirable than Fraternity Hall, and the rent would be very little less. A motion by Mrs. Gilbert that we do not change our place of meeting was seconded and carried.

A communication was read relative to contributing 10 cts. per member to a fund for erecting club houses for women students at Berkeley.

Mrs. Gilbert moved the matter be placed before the Club and that members contribute as individuals if so inclined. Carried.

Mrs. Gilbert asked if the \$5.00 per month appropriation to the Gymnasium fund might be continued. Mrs. Wyckoff moved that we recommend to the Club a continuance of the \$5.00 for one year. Motion amended to read "Until last of May." Carried.

A bill for \$22.00 for printing of handbook, invitations, calendars, and membership cards was read. A motion was made, seconded, and carried, that an order be drawn for the amounts when there is money in the Treasury.

Treasurer asked about paying fare of speaker who comes from abroad, and was informed it is customary to do so.

Press work was considered and Mrs. Bell was suggested for the reporter. A motion by Mrs. Morris that Mrs. Eva Bell serve as press committee for the year was seconded and carried.

Mrs. A. E. Osborne of Santa Clara was introduced and president during the ensuing hour. Mrs. Osborne asked if the Club would entertain the District convention some time in November. In response to questions, Mrs. Osborne stated requirements; the number of delegates to be 70, and that morning and afternoon sessions would be followed by a reception to the State President.

The motion was made that the Woman's Club of Palo Alto entertain the convention; seconded and carried.

The Secretary of the local club was asked to serve as secretary; Mrs. Alden to be asked to make the invocation.

Necessary committees will be as follows: Reception, Ushers - for seating of delegates, Trains, and Press.

Considerable discussion ensued as to the desirability of having the reception include a drive to the University and an organ recital, sentiment being in favor of that plan.

Owing to the fact that the visitors would be late in getting an evening meal, it was thought wise to make the reception refreshments of a substantial nature, such as sandwiches, cake, and tea. Mrs. Morris thought there would be no difficulty in providing this and volunteered to make arrangements to that end, if necessary.

A communication from Miss Kip was read asking the privilege of serving lunch at Fraternity Hall at noon of the day decided on for convention. Mrs. Sloan moved that a committee be appointed to confer with Miss Kip as to menu and price and report to the Club; motion prevailed, and the President appointed Mesdames Wyckoff and Kitchen.

Mrs. Osborne stated our Club would be entitled to representation by President and two delegates and that as soon as the State President returned and a date could be set, the Palo Alto club would be notified. She also suggested opening the hall at an early hour.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Mary M. Stuart, Secretary.

Fraternity Hall, Oct. 5 - 1904

The Club was called to order by the President Mrs. J. S. Lakin. Minutes of the meeting of Sept. 21st were read & approved.

The program was opened by a piano solo given by Miss Caroline Forman.

Mrs. Wathey presented current events, reading a number of extracts relative to marriage and the divorce question.

Physical Culture, the subject assigned for the day, under the Dept. of Village Improvement, was ably treated by Mrs. Florence Bolton of the Women's Gymnasium at Stanford University considering the topic from hygienic and corrective standpoints. Dr. Mosher followed with a few remarks on the same questions, but from the viewpoint of examining physician. A few minutes were spent in discussions, both speakers answering pertinent questions put by members.

Minutes of the Ex. Board were read and action taken upon recommendations:

1st. Mrs. Morris moved that the monthly contribution to the Gymnasium be continued. Seconded & carried.

2nd. After presenting the request for aid for Woman's Club House at Berkeley, the President asked that contributions be handed to the Treas. Mrs. Weisshaar.

3rd. The proposed plan for the Dist. Convention to meet in Palo Alto in November was given with an outline of the day's program. a motion was made by Mrs. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert, that we entertain the Dist. Convention. Carried.

4th. Mrs. Sherman, chairman of the Hospitality committee reported that the lunch committee found Mrs. Kip could not serve the required number at Fraternity Hall but that suitable arrangements could be made with the proprietor of the University Hotel to serve 75 at once. Mrs. Sherman also stated the amount of material needed for the reception refreshments and asked members to be ready to respond at the next meeting.

Mrs. Bell moved that this Club assume all responsibility and expense of serving in the afternoon. Seconded and carried. The President deferred naming of Com. for two weeks. The Sec. read a com. from the Civic Club of San Mateo inviting our Club to attend their floral exhibition to be given Oct. 28 - 29.

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It was state a number of Club cook books were still unsold and that an effort should be made to dispose of them before the holidays. The Treasurer was asked to report money on hand and stated the amount to be \$4.30. The Club adjourned

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Fraternity Hall, Oct. 19 - 1904

The Club convened at the usual hour, Mrs. J. S. Lakin presiding. The minutes of Oct. 5 were read and approved. Mrs. Armstrong favored the Club with a vocal solo "Il Bacio," Mrs. Roller accompanying.

"Current Events" prepared by Mrs. Reynolds was given by Mrs. Gertrude Dibble.

Dr. C. A. Duniway of Stanford University was introduced and spoke of Historic California, giving narrative [sic] descriptions of early California from the writings of explorers on the Pacific Coast, beginning with the time of Sir Francis Drake's voyage.

Mrs. Gilbert followed with the suggestion that the "Native Sons" and "Native Daughters" wishing to make a donation to the Public Library would do well to select volumes of Cal. records.

The president named the following committees for the District Federation:

Train, Mesdames Sherman, Kitchen & Soper.

Ushers, Mesdames Frisbie, Bradford, Baldwin, Bell

Cards - for sections- Mesdames Upham, Roller, Ackey[?]

Reception, Mesdames B. Parkins, Charles, Dudfield, J. F. Parkinson, Sheldon, Sloane, Morris, Varney, Dibble, Corbert, N.H.Smith and C. H. Gilbert.

Decorations, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Newlands.

The Woman's Club being entitled to representation by the President and two delegates, the name of Mrs. Gilbert was proposed by Mrs. Bradford, and that of Mrs. Rosebrook by Mrs. Morris. The nominations were seconded and carried.

Members were asked to state how many guests they could convey to and from the University for the organ recital. Responses

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from those present provided for fifty-four.

Mrs. Eliot, Chairman of the Needlework guild, asked that all articles be in by Nov. 1st.

Mrs. Sherman requested that donations of food and money be definitely stated and time was given for noting the same.

Miss Clapp, representing the Political Equality Club asked the President to appoint a committee of three to confer with a committee from their club to consider the advisability of building a club house, and to report to their respective clubs. President Mrs. Lakin endorsed the idea of erecting a club house in Palo Alto. Mrs. Turley moved that the appointment of a committee be deferred till another meeting. The motion prevailed.

The Club adjourned.

Mary M. Stuart, Secretary

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Fraternity Hall, Nov. 2 - 1904

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto was called to order by the President - Mrs. J. S. Lakin.

Minutes of the meeting of Oct. 19 - were read and approved. Miss Ray Stuart gave a piano solo- a Schubert Scherzo.

Mrs. Gertrude Dibble chairman of the Current Events committee presented many timely and interesting topics.

No lecture was given by reason of the absence from the State of Rev. W. C. Evans who was to have occupied the hour.

President - Mrs. Lakin introduced the subject of the District Federation, meeting to be held in Palo Alto. Saturday, Nov. 5th, stating the probable number of delegates and visitors to be 150, and gave facts pertaining to the serving of dinner. Mrs. Morris was named a committee to arrange with Dr. Blodgett for an organ recital in the afternoon.

Mrs. Wilbur was appointed asst. secretary. Mrs. J. Hilde Smith followed discussion with a motion that someone be secured to serve dinner for delegates and guests, that the

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Club members may be free to enjoy the day. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Wathey moved that a committee be appointed to interview Mrs. Blake about serving dinner. Mrs. Corbert offered an amendment that a committee be appointed to interview Mrs. Farrel and Mr. Blake and report immediately. The amended motion carried. The President appointed Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. Weisshaar, Mrs. Frisbie.

Mrs. Rosebrook addressed the Club on the advantages of owning a club house, and the desirability of at least securing a lot at the present time. Mrs. B. Parkinson moved that the Woman's Club appoint a committee to look into locations and prices of lots and report at a future meeting. The motion was carried. The Chair named Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Rosebrook and Miss Clapp to constitute such committee.

The special committee having returned Mrs. Smith reported satisfactory arrangements
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could be made with Mrs. Farrell. Mrs. Smith was named as chairman of committee to decorate during hall.

The train committee was enlarged by the addition of Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Sloane. The name of Mrs. Brown was added to the list of ushers.

The Club adjourned at 5 p.m.

Mary M. Stuart, Secretary

Executive Board

The Executive Board met at 3 p.m. Nov. 7th at the home of the President, Mrs. Lakin in the chair. Minutes of the last executive session (Oct. 3) were read and approved and communication from the Grand Parlor N. D. G. W. asking for endorsement of a petition relative to the placing of a statue in Washington D. C. was read. A motion by Mrs. Morris was made that the petition be signed as requested. Motion carried. A letter from Mrs. Bradford tendering her resignation as Gymnasium Trustee was read by the Secretary. Mrs. Sloane moved the resignation be accepted.
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Carried.

Mrs. Gilbert moved that Mrs. Morris be appointed to a position on the Gymnasium Board. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Baldwin moved that any money left in the hands of the refreshment committee be given to the Gymnasium fund. The motion was seconded and carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

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Fraternity Hall, Nov. 16 - 1904

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto was called to order at 3:00 p.m. President Mrs. A. Lakin in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Club was favored with a vocal solo by Miss Biggar who kindly responded to an encore.

Prof. Rolfe of Stanford University, gave an address on Jane Austen and her works, reading from Miss Austen's first novel., "Pride and Prejudice."

The Secretary read expressions of appreciation to the Club from Mrs. A. E. Osborne and other visitors of Nov. 5.

The report of Hospitality committee was read showing receipts and expenditures on day of reception (Nov. 5).

Mrs. Bell moved that any surplus money be put in the general fund. The motion prevailed.

The special committee on lots was asked to report. In absence of chairman, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Rosebrook gave a list of about twenty

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locations with dimensions and prices.

Mrs. Frisbie moved that the matter be brought before the Executive Board, they to report at a subsequent meeting of the Club. The motion received a second and was carried.

Mrs. Wyckoff, seconded by Mrs. Gilbert, moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to those who extended courtesies to us on the day of the Federation meeting. The motion was carried.

Eight guests were present.

Adjournment

Mary M. Stuart
Secretary

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Executive Board - Special

Palo Alto, Nov. 26 - 1904

A called meeting of the Board was held at the home of Mrs. Lakin convening at three o'clock. Mrs. Lakin stated the object to be consideration of three questions: 1st, Do we want a Club House, 2nd, Do we want to purchase a lot at present; 3rd, Can we with dues as they are consider a building proposition?

Discussion ensued sentiment being in favor of the erection of a Club House at some time. Locations were considered and the four most desirable were decided to be, two sites on Cowper and Homer, one on Waverley near University, and one on Waverley near Homer.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wyckoff, seconded by Mrs. Weisshaar, that we

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recommend to the Club that we buy a lot. Motion carried unanimously by call of roll.

Mrs. Geo. Parkinson moved that we recommend to the Club the purchase of the Downing lot - 84 x 100 on Cowper Street and Homer Avenue, price \$1050. Mrs. Sloan seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Ten members present.

Mary M. Stuart
Secretary

Executive Board.

The Executive Board met in regular session t the home of the President Mrs. Ma. A. Lakin Dec. 5, 1904 at 3 p.m. Minutes of the last regular meeting and of the called meeting of Nov. 26 were read and approved.

Mrs. Lakin reported in the matter of placing wires and otherwise arranging for lecture on the 7th. No subject being assigned for Dec. 21st, a motion was made by Mrs. Wyckoff seconded by Mrs. G. Parkinson, that the President ascertain if Miss Gail Laughlin will be available for that date; if not, the afternoon be spent in a business session followed by a social hour.

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The motion carried.

President Lakin reported the closing of financial matters pertaining to the District Federation. Members present 8.

The meeting adjourned,
Mary M. Stuart
Secretary.

Fraternity Hall, Dec. 7, 1904

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto was called to order promptly at 3 p.m. by the President, Mrs. J. S. Lakin.

Minutes of the meeting of Nov. 16 were read and approved.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mr. Alvin Seale of Stanford, was introduced and gave an interesting talk on the "South Sea Islands and their people" the subject being illustrated by stereopticon views. Prof. Starks operating the lantern.

The president stated that business considerations for the afternoon concerned the buying of lots for the probably erection of a

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Club house sometime in the future.

Minutes of the called meeting of the Executive Board Nov. 26, were read and approved.

President Lakin explained method by which money might be raised to buy a lot.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Geo Parkinson, that the Club purchase a lot. Discussion ensued. When the vote was taken by rising twenty five were in favor of the motion and no one voted against it. The President asked for a larger expression and in response to roll call thirty voted aye and three no. The question was declared carried.

The next question to consider was "Shall we buy the lot recommended by the Board." Discussion as to desirability of that site gave locations, frontage, and price, and indicated a good position for renting.

Mrs. B. Parkinson moved that the Woman's Club buy the Downing lot (recommended by the Board). Mrs. Rosebrook seconded

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the motion. A rising vote resulted in 23 for and 2 against that site, thus carrying the motion.

As the lot must be secured immediately the following members volunteered to sign a note for the amount, holding the lot for the Club for a reasonable period. Mrs. J. R. Gilbert, Mrs. Geo Parkinson, Mrs. B. Parkinson, Mrs. J. S. Lakin, Mrs. C. G. Baldwin.

Number of guests present - 12.

The Club adjourned.

Mary M. Stuart

Secretary.

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Fraternity Hall, Dec. 21 - 1904

The last meeting of the Club for the years 1904 was called to order by president Lakin at the accustomed hour. Minutes of Dec. 7 were read and approved. Miss Welch gave a pleasing vocal solo. Mrs. Wilbur presented Current Events. Miss Arnott rendered a piano selection. the President stated the club house lot has been secured; the note given the Bank of Palo Alto for the amount of eleven hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1125.00) had been signed by Mesdames Lakin, Gilbert, Baldwin, Geo Parkinson, B. Parkinson, Sloan and Rosebrook. To simplify matters under conditions which might arise, the deed had been made to the Bank of Palo Alto in trust. If the amount needed cannot be raised by subscriptions as proposed, members holding receipts for amounts paid will be reimbursed on presentation of receipts when the lot is sold.

A diagram was presented showing one hundred ten (110) blocks representing ten dollars (\$10.00) each, or \$1100.00 the price of lot and sidewalk. Mrs. Morris wanted to go on record as having taken the first block. Mrs. Gilbert suggested that the 110 blocks be said to represent 1100 shares of one dollar each, that women not wishing to take one or more blocks, might subscribe for one or more shares. Some discussion ensued as to future value of subscriptions, probability of dividends etc., and the fact was made apparent that there could be no dividends, that any benefits accruing would belong to the Club as a whole - and that subscriptions are virtually gifts to the Club.

A motion was made by Mrs. Baldwin seconded by Mrs. Sloan, that each block represent ten shares. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Gilbert moved that we proceed to subscribe for shares. Mrs. Parkinson seconded the motion and it was carried.

Members present subscribed as follows, the Secretary canceling the blocks as taken: Mrs. J. J.

Morris 1, Mrs. D. L. Sloan 2 1/2, Mrs Lizzie Roller 2 1/2, Mrs. Geo Parkinson 2 1/2, Mrs. Rosebrook 2 1/2, Mrs. Jenkins 1, Mrs Hundley 1, Mrs. Gilbert 1, Mrs Gertrude Dibble 1, Mrs. Baldwin 1, Mrs. Hazlett 1, Mrs. Weisshaar 1, Mrs. Coons and Mrs. Wilbur 1, Mrs. Wathey 1, Mrs. Lakin 2 1/2, Mrs. Chas Thompson 1, Miss Kellogg 1, a total of 26 blocks or 260 dollars.

Mrs. Sherman reported the Hospitality Com. had turned over to the general fund a balance of \$1.80.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that not all of the members had signed the articles of incorporation.

Mrs. Morris moved that hereafter our reception of new members be more formal that each be introduced to the club, be conducted to the secretary's desk to sing the roll, and to the treasurer to pay dues. The motion received a second and carried.

Miss Arnott again favored the Club with piano solos. The meeting adjourned for a social hour during which members signed the roll, and subscribers affixed their signatures to papers properly

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headed and giving Feb. 1st as date when payments become due. The Hospitality committee served tea and wafers.

Mary M. Stuart
Secretary

Executive Board

Monday Jan. 2 1905

Seven members of the executive board met at the home of the President Mrs. J. S. Lakin. Minutes of the session of Dec. 5 were read and approved. Bills for wiring and for electricity for the illustrated lecture were read and ordered paid.

Owing to necessary expense in providing such lectures, Mrs. Baldwin moved that we charge members ten cents admission for Dr. Farrand's lecture on Feb. 15. Mrs. Gilbert seconded the motion; carried.

A number of communications were read. The secretary was authorized to send for pamphlets offered free of charge by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Civil Service Reform Assn.

A motion by Mrs. Wyckoff, seconded by Mrs. Baldwin, empowered the Secretary to send \$2.00 for affiliated membership in

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the American Civic Association. The motion prevailed. Suggestions were made that the Club organize study sections and take up French, Current Events, or other lines of work desired by members. No action was taken.

Mrs. Wyckoff subscribed for one block of lots valuation and paid ten dollars (\$10) for same. Discussion as to whether the amts. subscribed must be paid in by Feb. first, resulted in an expression favoring a later date, tho as many subscriptions as possible must be secured by Feb. 1st.

Meeting adjourned

Mary M. Stuart
Secretary

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Fraternity Hall;;. Jan/ 5 - 1905

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was called to order by the President. The exercises opened with a vocal duet by Misses Roller and Upham.

Dr. a. E. Osborne of Santa Clara was introduced and gave an instructive address on "The Child and the State."

After the lecture, minutes of Dec. 21st were read and approved.

The President spoke of the purchase of a lot and explained the convenience of calling interest in the same "shares" or "stock," stating it is commonly done where raising money for philanthropic purposes. Lawyers had been consulted, and Judge Charles had prepared a statement to cover the matter of subscriptions. This was read by the Secretary.

Three guest cards were presented at the door. The following names and amounts were added to the subscription list.

Mrs. Wm. Scofield \$25.00; Mrs. Mina D. Parkinson \$ 10.00; Mrs. Geraldine E. Frisbie, \$10.00; Mrs. C. A. Firebaugh, \$10.00, Mrs. W. M. Sheldon

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\$10.00; Mrs. H. F. Perry, \$25.00, Mrs. Zschokke \$5.00; Mrs. Eva Bell, \$5.00; Mrs. Wade-Mahany \$10.00; Mrs. J. F. Parkinson \$10.00.

Adjourned

Mary M. Stuart
Secretary

Fraternity Hall Jan. 18, 1905

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto met in regular session, the President in the Chair. Minutes of Jan. 4th were read and approved. Minutes of the Executive meeting of Jan. 2nd were read and approved.

Current Events were presented by Mrs. Frisbie. Miss Lynn gave a vocal solo, Mrs. Roller accompanying.

Dr. Orlow who was to have addressed the Club on Crafts and Art, failing to appear, the hour was occupied in consideration of business.

The President stated cards for delegates to the State convention at Los Angeles Feb. 7 - 8 - 9 had been received.

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Nominations for delegates placed the names of Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. J. H. Smith and Mrs. Frisbie before the house, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Stuart having withdrawn their names.

Mrs. Bell moved that a ballot be taken and the two receiving the highest number of votes be considered the delegates, the other two being alternates. The motion carried. Mesdames Roller and Baldwin were appointed tellers.

The vote was taken and ballots counted as follows, each containing two names: Mrs. Morris 17, Mrs. Smith 20, Mrs. Sheldon 14, Mrs. Frisbie 8, Mrs. Corbert 1.

Mesdames Morris and Smith were therefore elected delegates. Mesdames Sheldon and Frisbie alternates, all expecting to attend.

The President mentioned proposed amendments to the State Constitution and delegates asked for instructions.

In regard to the Club lot, the President stated members could sign for certain amounts and pay in two months if more convenient, but she hoped all who could would pay at once and make it possible for the signers of the note to pay \$500 on Feb. 8, and reduce interest. Mrs. Taylor subscribed \$25.00, Mrs. Strom \$15.00. Mrs. J. F. Parkinson a second \$10.00, and the President reported \$25.00 from a man friendly to the cause (for Mrs. Hutchinson).

The Club adjourned
Mary M. Stuart
Secretary

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Fraternity Hall Feb. 1 - 1905

The Woman's Club was called to order at the appointed hour, President Lakin in the chair.

Mrs. Hume favored the club with a piano solo. Mrs. Wyckoff presented current events.

Dr. W. R. Dudley of Stanford University was introduced and delivered an excellent address on forestry. An intermission of five minutes was followed by consideration of business. Regarding the recommendation of the Executive Board that a small admission fee be charged to cover expense of illustrated lectures a motion to adopt said recommendation was lost. A motion by Mrs. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Wyckoff, that bills of expense be submitted at next meeting following, and action be taken at that time for liquidating the same was carried.

The Sec. read the resignation of Mrs. Frisbie as alternate, and the same was

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accepted. Mrs. Morris reported receiving \$5.00 from Mrs. W. H. Hart for 1/2 block of lot valuation. Mrs. Morris spoke of gymnasium interests. Mrs. Wyckoff moved that a monthly report be given by the Gymnasium committee. The motion prevailed.

The Club adjourned

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Executive Board

Feb. 6th members of the Board met at the home of the President, Vice-president Mrs. Baldwin in the chair. The attendance was small and no action was taken.

Feb. 13 Eleven members of the Board and committees met at the call of the President at 2 p.m. The Sec. reported two communications asking for the Club's endorsement of measures pending in the State Legislature. Mrs. Gilbert moved that we sign and send to Assembly Mitcheltree the request for the appointment of

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women assistant physicians at the State Hospitals. The motion was seconded and carried. Mrs. Wyckoff moved, Mrs. Weisshaar seconding that the request for appropriating certain war fund to forestry be likewise signed and sent to Mr. Mitcheltree. The motion carried.

The President asked for an expression as to the desirability of pushing the matter of the purchase of club lot. By roll call nine of the eleven voted for continued effort and the Sec. was instructed to pay on the note \$350 if possible before the meeting of the Club on the 15. Mrs. Gilbert having made the motion to that effect, and Mrs. Baldwin seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion of entertainments to put funds in the treasury led to no formal action.

The President stated she wished to give a reception to the Club members next week and asked the Board to assist in receiving.

The meeting adjourned.

Mary M. Stuart

Sec.

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Fraternity Hall, Feb. 15 - 1905

The Club convened at the usual hour with President Mrs. Lakin in the chair.

Minutes of the meeting of Feb. 1st were read and approved.

The Secretary read a communication from the Woman's Club of San Jose relative to an entertainment for their building fund.

Mrs. Brown favored the Club with a vocal solo, and kindly responded to an encore.

Dr. Farrand of Stanford University was introduced and gave an address on "The Western Movements" illustrated by a large number of lantern slides.

A five minute intermission was followed by a business session.

The Secretary reported that \$312 had been paid on the note held by the Bank of Palo Alto, and asked that she be relieved from custody of the funds subscribed for the lot. Mrs. Baldwin moved that Mrs. Stuart be relieved as requested. Mrs. Gilbert seconded the motion, the motion carried.

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Mrs. Bell moved that the money and matter pertaining be turned over to the Treasurer. Mrs. Weisshaar, Mrs. Rosebrook seconded the motion which carried.

Mrs. Gilbert spoke briefly in favor of a Club House as a public benefit.

The President announced a reception to be given to Club members at her home on the afternoon of the 22nd, from 3 to 6 asking the Executive Board to assist her in receiving.

Ten guests were present by card; a class from High School and one from the Grammar also attended during the lecture hour.

Mary M. Stuart
Secretary

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Fraternity Hall Mar. 1st 1905

The regular meeting of the Club was called to order by the President at the usual hour. Minutes of the meeting of Feb. 15 were read and approved. The Sec. read a communication from Dr. Orlow giving illness as the cause of his inability to fill his appointment with the club Jan. 18th. Miss Nellie Roller favored the club with a vocal solo.

The President announced a change of program and stated the afternoon would be given to the Department of Village Improvement. Dr. F. W. Bade of Berkeley was introduced and delivered an address entitled "Among the Birds."

Mrs. J. Hilde Smith, delegate to the State Federation at Los Angeles, briefly reported events and incidents of the convention. Mrs. Frisbie called on by the President spoke of the duties and difficulties of the state nominating committee of which she was chairman.

The amount subscribed toward purchase of lot was reported to be \$501.00 to date. Mesdames Baldwin Rosebrook and J. F. Parkinson spoke in favor of owning a lot and of the advantages to accrue from building and having a club home.

Ten guests were present by card.

The Club adjourned.
Mary M. Stuart
Sec.

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Executive Board

Mar. ^ - 1905

Nine members of the Executive Board met at 3 p.m. at the home of the President. Minutes of the previous executive session were read and approved. Expenses of the last illustrated lecture

were reported \$1.50 and the same were ordered paid.

A communication from the American Civic Ass'n was read, and by motion was turned over to Mrs. Bell - press committee. Other communications were read and tabled. Mrs. D. L. Sloan reported for the committee on trees. Six trees are missing; most of the others are in good condition, tho' all need cultivating. Mrs. Geo. Parkinson moved the committee be continued, that they have the necessary work done, and the club pay the expense. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Baldwin and carried.

Mrs. Wyckoff moved that the Cor. Sec. be instructed to confer with Mr. Dudfield and ask him to protect trees now being

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injured by proximity of piles of lumber. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Scofield spoke in favor of the Club earning some money for Club needs and advocated a social gathering in the near future. Mrs. J. F. Parkinson had sent an invitation for the Club to hold a fete on the grounds adjoining her home, and features could be elaborated which would place funds in the treasury. Mrs. Varney moved that we recommend to the Club an acceptance with thanks. Carried.

The fifth Wednesday in March was considered a desirable date for the entertainment. The Sec. was instructed to read at the next Club meeting a list of subscribers to the Club lot and to give the total amt. subscribed. Mrs. Wyckoff moved that we remit dues of those enrolling as members of the Club between now and the close of the year. Seconded by Mrs. Gilbert and carried.

Discussion ensued as to best means to carry on campaign of Club lot. A list

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of members was to be prepared and volunteers would solicit subscriptions.

The meeting adjourned,

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Fraternity Hall March 15 - 05

The Club was called to order at the usual hour. President Mrs. Lakin in the chair. Minutes of the meeting of March 1st were read and approved.

Mrs. Turley gave an interesting resume of current events. Mrs. Morris gave a written report of the State Convention of Women's Clubs at Los Angeles.

The program under the direction of the Dept. of Art and Literature was in charge of Miss Scofield and opened with a vocal solo by Mrs. Chas. Parkinson.

Miss Scofield read a paper on Music, treating piano music particularly, illustrated by the rendition of various compositions on the piano. The selections included work by Haydn, Mozart,

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Beethoven, Rubenstein, Scalatti, Chopin and Greig. At the close Mrs. Lakin spoke appreciatively of the interesting program given by Miss Scofield, a club member.

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board on March 6th were read and the recommendation of an entertainment, was considered. Mrs. Frisbie moved that an entertainment be given to raise funds for Club expenses and that any surplus be applied to purchase of lot. The motion prevailed. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that the chair appoint a committee on entertainment. Mrs. Gilbert seconded the motion. Carried. Mesdames Scofield, Weisshaar, G. Parkinson, Gilbert, and Frisbie appointed. The Sec. read names of subscribers to lot fund and gave the total of 44 subs.

as \$531.

Mrs. Morris read a report for the gymnasium, showing receipts from Sept. to Feb. to be \$335.60, expenditures \$335.75, and stating that \$100.00 had been subscribed toward summer expenses.

Mrs. Gilbert for the Board of City

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Trustees wanted the Club to give an opinion as to whether the curfew should be rung. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that the Club go on record as in favor of the curfew ordinance to assist in preserving order. The motion was seconded and carried.

Nine guest cards were presented.

Adjournment

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

April 3 - 1905

Several members of the Executive Board met at the home of the President at the usual hour. Owing to the absence of a majority of the Directors no business was transacted, though a number of subjects were informally discussed.

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Fraternity Hall, April 5, 1905

The Club convened at the usual hour, the President in the chair. Minutes of March 15 were read and approved. Mrs. Speer briefly reviewed current events. Prof. Jeffers sang "The Sailor's Anchor" and kindly responded to an encore.

Mrs. Peck entertained the Club with a vivid account of her visit to the Philippines, emphasizing descriptions with a fine exhibit of weapons, baskets, articles of dress, etc.

Mrs. Weisshaar reported for Entertainment Committee, giving names of sub-committees and other details of their work. Mrs. Bell moved that April 28 be set as date of entertainment. The motion was seconded and carried.

The President reminded the Club that the annual election of officers approaches and asked for instructions as to a nominating committee. Mrs. Gertrude Dibble moved that we dispense with a nominating committee. Discussion ensued during which several members spoke for and against the motion. A rising

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vote resulted in favor of the motion, sixteen voting for and twelve against it. Mrs. Morris invited the members of the Club an an "at-home" at her residence on the afternoon of Friday April 14, from three to five.

Three guest cards were presented.

Adjournment

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Fraternity Hall Apr. 19 - 05

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto convened at the usual hour, the president in the chair. The minutes of April 5th were read and approved.

Mrs. Hardu favored the club with a vocal solo, after which Rev. H. E. Milnes of Palo Alto was introduced and gave an instructive address on the "Orphan Homes of California." At the conclusion a short recess gave members an opportunity to meet the speaker and ask questions

pertinent to the subject. When reconvened Mrs. Scofield chairman of the entertainment committee reported through the President that the fete had been postponed owing to certain unfavorable conditions, but would be given at a date to be determined later.

A proposition from Dr. Little concerning a concert to be given under the direction of Dr. Blodgett, the Club to have half the proceeds, was presented and considered. Owing to inability to secure a hall for an evening in the near future, no definite action was taken.

Nominations for officers for the ensuing year was the next order of business. Mrs. Gertrude Dibble moved that we postpone nominations till the next meeting. The motion was seconded and discussed. A rising vote resulted in a tie. A second vote was also a tie. Mrs. Corbert then changed her vote to the affirmative and the motion prevailed. Mrs. Wyckoff expressed the hope that Mrs. Lakin might be persuaded to accept the presidency for another year

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and Mrs. Lakin briefly responded suggesting the wisdom of passing honors on after one term in office.

Three guest cards were presented.

Adjournment

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Executive Board

May 1 - 1905

A majority of the executive board met at the home of the President Mrs. J. S. Lakin. The secretary read a communication from the National conference of Charities and Corrections. By motion the matter was tabled.

A communication from the Outdoor Art League, Mrs. Lovell White President was read and ordered to be read in Club.

The musical evening proposed by Dr. Little was discussed. Mrs. Baldwin moved that we recommend to the Club that this entertainment be given some time in June. Mrs. Wyckoff seconded the motion. Carried.

Discussion of Club lot ensued.

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Tree committee reported cost of cultivating etc. to be \$16.00. It was suggested that money would be needed for the gymnasium during the summer and the matter should be considered.

As to the note held against Mrs. Lakin and others for the club lot, the thought was expressed that some might wish to be relieved of responsibility. Mrs. Baldwin moved, seconded by Mrs. Wyckoff, that we relieve from the note any who so desire, and give a new note to Mrs. Parkinson. The motion carried. amt. subs. on the lot to date is \$573.

Adjourned

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Annual Meeting

Fraternity Hall May 3 - 1905

The Club convened at the usual hour. Minutes of April 19 were read and approved. Miss Ray Stuart gave a piano solo, a minuet arranged for the left hand and for an encore "The Scarf Dance" by Chaminade. A communication from the Outdoor Art League was read by the Sec.

The proposed musical evening to be given by Dr. Little and others under the direction of Dr.

Blodgett was discussed. Mrs. Geo. Parkinson moved that we undertake the concert some time in June. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion' carried. The Treas. reports \$573 sub. on lot & the holding of lot was discussed.

Mrs. Baldwin moved we ask those whose names are on the note to hold note until the club can pay for the lot. Mrs. Frisbie seconded and the motion prevailed. The question of liability for interest was considered and the sentiment was generally expressed that the Club and not the signers are liable.

Mrs. Sherman brought to the Club's notice the needs of a destitute family, and generous

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contributions of clothing, bedding, and money were made by individual members.

As gymnasium expenses continue through the summer and the Club's contribution of five dollars a month ends with May, Mrs. Geo Parkinson moved that we continue the \$5.00 per month for June, July, and August. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Secretary was instructed to read the articles of Incorporation and did so.

Business opened under nomination of Officers for ensuing year.

For President Mrs. Lakin was named by Mrs. B. Parkinson. The nominations were closed and the Sec. instructed to cast the vote. The Sec. put the motion, asking for a rising vote, which proved unanimous in favor of the ballot for Mrs. Lakin as president. The Sec. then cast the ballot.

For Vice-Pres Mrs. Scofield and Mrs. Baldwin were nominated, the latter withdrawing her name. By motion the nom. were closed and the Sec. cast the ballot for Mrs. Scofield for Vice-President.

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For Sec. Mrs. M. M. Stuart was nominated (by Mrs. Wyckoff) Nom. closed and the ballot was cast for Mrs. Stuart for Sec.

Mrs. M. E. Weisshaar was nominated for Treas. by Mrs. Sloan. Nom were closed and the Sec. cast ballot for Mrs. Weisshaar for Treas. Nominations for seven directors were as follows:

Mrs. Frisbie by Mrs. Rosebrook

" Wyckoff " Wathey

" Baldwin " Geo. Parkinson

" B. Parkinson " Varney

" Rosebrook " Weisshaar

" Perry

" Karns " Parkinson

" Firebaugh " Weisshaar

" Gilbert " Stuart

" Dibble " J. F. Parkinson

Nom. were closed. Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Geo Parkinson were appointed tellers. No. of votes cast 38. Mrs. Wyckoff received 37, Mrs. Gilbert 29, Mrs. B. Parkinson 29, Mrs. E. S. Karns 26, Mrs. Rosebrook 25, Mrs. Frisbie 24, Mrs. Perry 24, Mrs. Dibble 23, Mrs. Baldwin 19, Mrs. Firebaugh 17, Mrs. G. Parkinson 6, Mrs. Scofield 1.

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The seven first named were declared elected Directors for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Sherman, chairman of hospitality committee asked for opinion in regard to refreshments for the open meeting May 17 & was authorized to serve tea and wafers and select her own

assistants.

The Club adjourned.

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Fraternity Hall, May 17 - 1905

The last meeting programmed for the year of 1904-5 was called to order by President Lakin. Minutes of the meeting of May 3rd were read and approved. The Treasurer read an itemized report giving \$17.55 as the amount on hand, with some expenses still to be met.

The president asked the Sec. to lay before the club a proposition for a lecture by Anita Newcomb McGee, M.D., giving her experience in the Japanese Army last year, the cost to be \$50.00 and hall and lantern. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that we secure Mrs. McGee for the lecture early in June. The motion prevailed

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The Chair appointed Mesdames Stuart, Rosebrook, Fletcher, and Baldwin a committee on arrangements.

Mrs. Gilbert asked on behalf of the gymnasium trustees if the Club would be willing to turn the gymnasium over to some other organization, explaining that the work to be successful should be greatly enlarged, and that a way to accomplish this may be found. A vote - merely an expression of sentiment, was taken, and resulted favorably. Mrs. Gilbert then introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption. In view of the long adjournment of the Club for the summer, and the possibility that the Trustees of the Gymnasium may wish to make some definite recommendations as to the transfer of this work during that time, Resolved: That the Board of Directors of the Woman's Club is authorized to take final action in any proposed change of gymnasium administration.

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Provided - that no additional financial shall be incurred without the consent of the Club. The motion to adopt was seconded by Mrs. Bell, and unanimously carried.

An excellent musical program was given under the direction of Mrs. Lizzie Roller, chairman of music, the numbers being as follows: Piano solo, Miss Upham; vocal solo, Miss Virginia Goodsell - with violin obligato; violin solo, Mr. Sheibley; Piano solo Miss Arnott.

The remaining hour was sociably passed over the teacups; a larger number of guests present.

Adjournment

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

Woman's Club of Palo Alto _____

History committee/ November 1998

The attached copy of a 6 page, unsigned report of "Palo Alto gymnasium" dated Dec. 20 1905 was among financial records for that period.

[The likely author of the report was Anna Zschokke.]

Report of Palo Alto Gymnasium
Dec 20 1905

When your Com. reported last Sept. on the Gymnasium you were told that an accurate financial statement could not then be made but that as soon as possible one would be submitted. I wish today to make this deferred report.

Last March two of the classes in the Gymnasium became so small that they had to be abandoned. During April & May the attendance in the other classes decreased to such an extent that the income for those months was very small.

The student instructors who were giving up their services for a very small salary could not give the time necessary for building up the work or for arousing fresh interest. It became evident that if the Gymnasium was to do the work we had anticipated it must be placed upon a broader and more business like basis.

During the early summer the Com. canvassed every possible measure, and were forced to

the conclusion that an Instructor who would give his entire time to the work was ~~an~~ absolutely necessary.

In June we learned that Mr Sloan was free, and that he was considering a call to work elsewhere. As he is by far the best Phys. Instructor in this part of the Country, and as he was willing to undertake building up the work, we engaged him. It was necessary to close the engagement at once and Mr Sloan came the first of July with the understanding that he would spend that month in getting acquainted with the field and in refitting the Gymnasium at a nominal salary of \$50⁰⁰.

After that time he should receive \$75⁰⁰ per m.

It was hoped that a town class could be organized for Aug. and that in the opening of the school we kept an arrangement could be made at once to establish the school Gymnasium work on a good basis.

Coming largely to the absence of many persons

during the latter part of the summer the low class was small. The introduction of Physical training as a definite course in the High School proved difficult of adjustment so arrangement had to be made with the University - the Co. Bd of Education - the town School Bd, the High School teachers, and the High School Boys - A regular income from this source did not begin until November.

We have now reached the point where we can have a definite policy & definite agreements with all concerned. The H. S. students take Physical training in the Gym as a regular school course for which the University gives an entrance credit. Mr Sloan holds a certificate from the Co. Bd of Education which assures our right to draw funds. The School Bd pays us ^{per ms.} \$2500 for the first 35 pupils & 50¢ apiece for each additional pupil, ^{per ms.} per ms. We have a similar arrangement with the School of Nursing. We have a Director of undoubted ability, who is doing excellent work, as all his students testify.

We are working toward the time when the Public Schools will have a Gymnasium of their own. This can only be brought about by demonstrating the value of this work. A few years experience will convince both parents and students that Physical Education is a vital necessity. The Y.M.C.A. Club can then turn over its apparatus to the School authorities, ^{or the Y.M.C.A. Club,} as it has turned over the Library to the Town authorities.

The following is the financial statement to Dec. The expenses for Nick Apul May - June were met by an outside resource of which I will speak later. This report covers the time from July 1 - Dec 1, 1905 5 months

Receipts.

Cash on hand.	30 00
Y.M.C.A. Club	25 00
Class dues -	245.00
Uncollected dues -	90.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>390.00</u>

\$ 659.10
\$ 393.00
<u>\$ 266.10</u> Deficit

Expenses -

Rents. 5 months -	200.00
Salary " " -	350.00
Water & Lights -	47.90
Printing -	17.20
Repairs -	10.00
Chore -	6.00
Incidentals -	25.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 659.10</u>

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This deficit, and the sum of \$150⁰⁰ for the original equipment has to be met. We ^{2nd} original canvassed the town for \$1200⁰⁰. We failed to secure about \$150⁰⁰ that we had expected to receive; rather than allow the Gymnasium to suffer for lack of essentials Mr Baldwin ^{borrowed} ~~advanced~~ the sum of \$150⁰⁰ ^{on his own notes} and has since carried it. This brings our indebtedness up to \$416.00

In order to meet the deficit, and pay this debt the money has been borrowed from the Bank, and the members of the Board, Mr Baldwin Mrs Gschokke and myself have made ourselves personally responsible for it.

The Gymnasium Bd has agreed to assist the High School in raising money to make an Athletic Field. We shall ask public subscriptions for this purpose, & for the purpose of meeting our accrued deficit & equipment debt.

The money which defrayed the expenses of the April May & June was raised in the ^{following} way.

Mr Baldwin aided in the sale of some real es.
and according to his agreement with the Lab Est.
Agt, ~~received~~ accepted for the Gym his share of
the Com. \$165⁰⁰. I sold a lot for a gentleman
and the Com. of \$100⁰⁰ went to the Gymnasium
this \$265⁰⁰ meet the expenses of these months.

In regard to the future. Our expenses are now about
\$130⁰⁰ per mo. Our income from classes is about \$70⁰⁰
leaving a monthly deficit of about \$60⁰⁰. This should be
provided for by increased attendance in the classes.

~~The work is of such~~ by so doing we not only meet our
expenses, but we accomplish the purpose of the Gymnasium
The work is of such high character that those who attend
receive much more than this money's worth.

The dues in the Ladies boys & girls classes are \$1.50 per year
50¢ per mo - In the evening classes 1⁰⁰ per mo. or \$10⁰⁰ per.

If the classes will not pay the entire expenses we must
have a monthly subscription list - or some one must be
some real estate. I have control of two houses in town
which are for sale. If any one can find a purchaser
I will see that the Com goes into the Gymnasium.

A Council conference will be held in the Parlor of the Y. M. C. A.
on Friday evening at 7:30 - and we should welcome any
one who is interested in the welfare of the Gym.

Women's Club of Palo Alto 475 Homer Ave. Palo Alto, Ca.94301
Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

July 1905 to May 1906

No. of board meetings: 10

Board members: Mmes. Lakin, Culver, Dibble, Wyckoff, J.F. Parkinson, Frisbie,
Rosebrook and Weisshaar. Resignation of Mrs. Stuart, (July 17).

Departments and Chairs

Depts: Philanthropy: Ferguson

Art & Literature: Turley/Kitchen

Science & Education: Dibble

Village Improvement: Sloan

Chairs: Current Events: Corbert

Social: Mrs. Geo. Parkinson

Press: Bell

Gymnasium: Gilbert

Music: Roller

Finance

Money for City shade trees (Sept.6 Feb.12, Mar.5,7-includes flowers, Mar.9)

Treasurer reports (Sept.6, Dec 20, Apr 2, May 2)

Fund Raising

Persian Garden Fete \$32.15 (Aug. 28)

Club Cookbook (Sept. 20)

Art Exhibit-proceeds go to public schools (Sept. 20, Oct. 2, Dec.4, Jan.17, Mar. 9)

Club lot (Oct.2,4,18,30,Nov.15,Dec.4,Jan 3,17, Mar.1,15 May 16,23)

Band concert (Feb.7, Mar.5)

Action/Events

Gymnasium (Oct. 2,30 Dec.20 Jan.2,3,26,31 Feb.22 Mar.9 Apr.2 May 2,7,16,23)

Federation meetings (Oct. 2,18 Nov.15 Dec.4 Feb.7 Mar.1,5,9,21 Apr.2)

Value of Women's Clubs-incl. President Cleveland's views.(Nov.1 Apr. 4)

Political Equality Day (Nov.15 Apr. 4)

Books given to Library (Nov.15 Jan. 2,26)

Supports group concerned with the destruction of Niagra Falls by Power Co.(Jan.2)

Newspapers: Daily Times (Dec.20 Jan.2,31 Mar.7,21)

Supported: Women physicians in State Hosp.and Trade school in Palo Alto (Feb.6,12)

Club House (Feb.12,15) Citizen (Jan.17, Feb.12, Mar.5)

Memorial Services for Susan B. Anthony (Apr. 4)

Earthquake at 3:13 a.m., April 18, 1906-meeting canceled - "Scarcely a home
in Palo Alto but has suffered from its affects." Apr. 18

Speakers at Club Meetings

Dr. Avila McGee on "The Experience of Women in the Japanese Army." (Sept. 6)

Mrs. Alma White spoke on "Art in the Public Schools." (Sept. 20)

Mrs. Jim Cushing spoke on "Probation Officers for Adults." (Oct. 4)

Dr. Jordan spoke on rural England & compared English and American Univ.(Oct. 18)

Mrs. Armstrong spoke on "Books in the Home." (Nov.1)

Miss Smith read "The Padres." (Nov.15)

The Honorable J.M. Glass spoke on "Initiative and Referendum." (Dec.6)

Prof. Alden spoke on Greek and Gothic Architecture and Literature. (Dec. 20)

Rev. Walter Hays spoke on "Play" in relation to the child. (Jan. 3)

Mr. Malcolm "The coming mass meeting to consider bonding the town." (Jan.17)

Mrs. Mary Campbell, first President of the Club, spoke on the early days of the Club
and the book, "Reconstruction of Religious Beliefs." (Mar. 9)

Mr. Hill on Village Improvement by improvement of our Public Schools.(Mar.7)

Mr. Blodgett spoke on the life, work and ideals of Beethoven. (Mar.21)

Mrs. Karns spoke on "The Village and the Club." Discussion on women's role (Apr.4)

Woman's Club of Palo Alto

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Jeanne McDonnell, transcriber, 6/98

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Executive Board

May 29 - 1905

Nine members of the Executive Board met at the home of President Lakin at 3 p.m. The President announced the first business to be election of Department Chairmen and Chairmen of committees and made suggestions as to nominations.

Depts. For Art and Literature Mrs. Turley was named by Mrs. Gilbert, and duly elected. For Philanthropy, Mrs. Ferguson was named by Mrs. Rosebrook, and elected. For Science and Education, Mrs. Gertrude Dibble was named by Mrs. Frisbie, and elected. For Village Improvement, Mrs. D. L. Sloan was nominated and elected. Committees - Current Events, Mrs. Corbert was elected. Social, Mrs. Geo. Parkinson was elected. Press, Mrs. Bell was elected. Music, Mrs. Roller was elected. Gymnasium, Mrs. Gilbert was elected. Hospitality committee left for appointments when occasion requires.

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For Auditor, Mrs. Geo Parkinson was nominated by Mrs. Rosebrook. Mrs. Gilbert moved the Sec. cast the ballot for Mrs. Parkinson. the motion prevailed & Mrs. Parkinson was elected auditor. Mrs. Stuart nominated Miss Louise Culver for Corresponding Sec. Mrs. Rosebrook moved the Sec. cast the ballot for Miss Culver for Cor. Sec. The motion carried & Sec. cast the ballot.

The Sec. read the contract for lecture to be given June 10 by Dr. McGee, and the President and Secretary were authorized to sign for the Club. The matter of press tickets was left with the committee. Minutes of Executive meeting of May first were read. The President named program committee for 1905-06 as follows: Department Heads and Mesdames Scofield, Gilbert, and Frisbie.

Mrs. Gilbert moved that we invite the Political Equality Club to meet with us once next year and provide the program. The motion carried and

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Mrs. Wyckoff was asked to see the President of that club.

The Secretary reported the purchase of a dish cupboard at a cost of \$2.26.

Mary M. Stuart, Sec.

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letterhead Mrs. R. A. Stuart 621 Gilman Street Palo Alto, Cal

To the Executive Board of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

I hereby tender my resignation to the office of Secretary, the same to take effect at once.

Respectfully Mary M. Stuart

Friends -

It is with great regret I send my resignation for I enjoy the work pertaining to the office and appreciate your giving it to me a second time. I accepted it believing I should be able to attend to it this year, as last, but find my mother's recent loss of eyesight will necessitate my being more with her and I must be less active outside of home. This explanation I think due you, though you will see I could not make it to the Club as a whole. Cordially yours Mary M. Stuart
July 17 - 1905

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Called meeting Ex. Board July 17, 1905

Executive Board met at home of Pres. Lakin. Miss Culver acting as temporary Secretary. The program for next year was discussed at some length; after which the resignation of Mrs. Stuart rec. Sec. was read. Mrs. Stuart stated in her resignation she had accepted the office at the beginning of this year believing herself so situated she could spare the time to attend to its duties. Later developments in her home had caused her to feel she must devote most of her time and energy to more personal duties. Much sorrow was expressed at her resignation by Pres. and other members of Board after which it was moved and

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seconded her resignation be accepted. carried.

Mrs. Gertrude Dibble and Mrs. Laura M. Wyckoff were then nominated for the office. Mrs. Wyckoff was elected, receiving 6 votes and Mrs. Dibble 5. Mrs. J. F. Parkinson having offered her home for a Garden Fete sometime back it was decided to give the Persian Garden Song [illeg] at the same time. Aug. 13. Mrs. Lakin, Mrs. Wyckoff and Miss Culver were appointed to take charge of the advertising, Mrs. J. F. Parkinson was appointed head of the com. on grounds. Mrs. [illeg] head of com. on dishes. Mrs. Weishaar on ice cream. Adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. approved.

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Executive Board - Called meeting

Aug. 28 - 1906

A Majority of the Board met at the home of Mrs. Lakin, the President. As this was the first meeting of the Ex. Board since the resignation of Mrs. Stuart, as Sec. and the Election of Mrs. Wyckoff, by the board to fill the vacancy, Mrs. Wyckoff read her resignation, as Director [illeg] the Board which Mrs. Frisbie moved be accepted, seconded by Mrs. Geo Parkinson, carried after some discussion it was decided by president Lakin to let the election of new member go over until regular meeting of the club. As we have no regular Refreshment Com. this year Mrs. Lakin, after announcing the date of our annual reception as Sept. 6th appointed Mrs. Weishaar and Mrs. Rosebrook as Committee

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with power to call in others to assist. Committee on Decoration of Hall Mrs. Karns, Mrs. Newland and Mrs. Ferguson. Discussion ensued as to propriety of invitations to members to attend the Reception; finally decided to send simple notification to each member and request each

to invite acquaintances, especially strangers. Treasurer Weishaar then presented her report as to receipts from the Persian Garden Fete. Total receipts \$90.40, of which \$66.00 were gate receipts. After deducting expenses which were \$26.25 the amount remaining was divided between the singers and the Club, making our share \$32.15. Nothing further being suggested by way of business, board adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. approved.

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Fraternity Hall Sept. 6 1905

The Annual Reception of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto was even more enjoyable than usual, the extreme heat of the previous year being lacking rendered it easier to attend and pleasanter to remain.

Pres. Lakin called the meeting to order and in well chosen words thanked the club for the interest displayed during this and past years, prophesying many enjoyable hours from the programs arranged for the coming year. Each lady received one of these programs upon entering the room.

Fraternity Hall could never have been more tastefully arranged, for the Club Colors were so artistically displayed, the seats so cosily grouped about the lovely potted plants, ferns and palms, all being arranged to give a pretty drawing room effect to our otherwise [illeg] artistic meeting place.

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the Reception Com. were as usual the [illeg] in the proper place being nearly omnipresent in looking after the pleasure of their guests.

Following Mrs. Lakin's short address of welcome Mrs. Brown favored the Club with a solo which was much enjoyed and encored. The retiring Sec. Mrs. Mary Stuart not being present her very able report was read by the incoming Sec. Much space in said report was given to a review of this year, the work of this Club being characterized as a steady progress along the lines of its activities. 17 regular meetings were held, 11 of these meetings were lectures, two were delightful afternoons the entertainment being furnished by Club members. The first, a musical recital by Miss Scofield, the second a talk on the Phillipines, and incidents of her life while living there, making this talk and the souvenirs more interesting from this personal element thus introduced.

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Mrs. Roller was especially mentioned and commended for her work as Musical Director for the Club during the year.

Money for shade trees and care of same was \$20.00 during the year. Making in all, since the beginning of the work \$200.00 expended for the trees and care thereof. Mrs. Stuart dwelt somewhat on the hopes entertained and realized in the purchase and partial payment of a lot for our Club house. Also on the delightful social entertainments given the club by Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Lakin on two separate occasions.

The two occasions the club undertook to raise money and at the same time give ourselves and the public truly enjoyable evenings were successful occasions. The first, a lecture entitled "The

Experience of a Woman in the Japanese Army" was the topic of Dr. Avila Newcomb Magee of Washington D. C. who being appointed

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by the Pres. to do so took a corps. of nurses over there and successfully filled the part allotted to herself and said nurses. The second, the Garden Fete at the residence of J. F. Parkinson the evening of August 15 was something unique and truly charming, Parsifal being rendered by some of our best vocal talent. These two entertainments put between (50) fifty and sixty (60) dollars into our treasury.

Mrs. Weishaar reported receipts for the year \$242.10. Expenditures \$192.99. Bal. in treasury \$49.11

Mrs. Gilbert reported for Gym. Board receipts from Woman's Club about \$60.00. Outside contributions \$200. Total \$260.00 She then introduced Mr. Sloan the new Physical Director, who gave the Club a very earnest able talk as to the aim and purpose of this particular gymnasium as directed by himself, dwelling particularly on his wish to build up not athletic, but

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sound physical bodies, healthful bodies he hopes for a class of 200 women and children from Palo Alto and vicinity. Before and after each of these reports, we listened to sweet voices and beautiful accompaniments by [illeg] Blodgett and Miss Upham at the piano also Miss Bruckman on the violin. Altogether an enjoyable afternoon was spent by Club members and we trust by their visitors also.

The club adjourned

Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec.

approved as read

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Fraternity Hall Sept 20 1905

Club opened in usual manner, Pres. Lakin in the chair.

President reported the arrival of our Vice President of Federated Club, Mrs. Edgar German, and introduced the lady to the Club after a few words expressing her genuine pleasure at being with us and of her especial work as one of the officers of the Federation. Mrs. German and Pres. Lakin retired in order to give our visitor an opportunity of seeing the campus and hearing the organ recital. Previous to this, Mrs. Lakin had introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Alma Glasgood White. Am sure not one of the audience but regretted most heartily that this truly valuable, practical lecture upon "Art in the Public Schools" should have been given before so small a representation of our

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Club. The congregationalists being in the midst of their dedicatory exercise called many away and other causes took many more from their usual seats among us. The lecture was so instructive so entertaining, and also so encouraging to the mothers of Palo Alto, it seemed unfortunate that so few heard it. This lecture was also so full of suggestions as to what as Club women we can do for our schools that it created much enthusiasm among us. One of Mrs. White's happy suggestions was that we hold an Art Exhibit, at which a small fee for admittance should be charged, the proceeds of same to go toward a fund for buying good copies of fine pictures also

[illeg] for schoolrooms.* Pres. Lakin had left your obedient Sec. in the chair, who being attacked at once with stage fright

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nearly forgot to adjourn.

The lecture was preceded by a most delightful solo by Mr. Moser "Make new friends, but keep the old, those are silver, these are gold." Mrs. Corbert chairman of Current Events gave a resume of her plans for the coming year, following with a few selections from the recent news columns.

Dues were paid by two old members and one new one, Three new membes were taken into the Club. Miss Virginia Sinclair 249 Kipling St. Mrs. Elija Evans 911 Scott St. and Mrs. Mary Henley 921 Scott St., One cook book sold and order left for another *Business the the day being finished Club adjourned.

Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. Read and approved.

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Executive Board Oct. 2nd 1905

President Lakin in the Chair; communications from various sources were read, discussed and one laid over to be read at next meeting of the Club.

Letter from District Sec. read, asked expression from our club as to expediency of holding evening sessions at the coming District meeting at Vallejo. Nov. 11. After some discussion Mrs. Frisbie moved sec. by Mrs. Rosebrook no evening meetings be held. Sec instructed to so inform district sec. Letter read from Boston firm offering to send us pictures in sets with which to give Art Exhibition, the proceeds to be given to Public Schools for pictures. Some discussion as to getting material from such a distance was had, some thinking material for said exhibit could be had nearer home , no conclusion reached. Mr. Sloan, Director of

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Gymnasium was introduced and spoke briefly as to his desires in regard to enlisting the enthusiasm of the Women's Club to work for the gymnasium, believing if we once realize what it will do for the inhabitants of Palo Alto, we would work for more members. The gymnasium has at this time 140 pupils in the different classes. Mr. Sloan states he had formed nearly double the usual number of classes in order to accommodate the various needs of the community, urged the women to attend and see what beneficial results would follow in added strength and grace of movement.

The club women then asked some questions as to financial conditions etc. etc. which were satisfactorily answered. After making the point that the University was willing to accept and accredit the training given the High School scholars by the gymnasium, Mr. Sloan thanked the ladies and retired.

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President Lakin taking up next busienss item, spoke of soon meeting the 7 district presidents at San Jose to arrange for Federation meeting. The 7 district Pres. constitute Ex. Board to arrange for the Federation meetings. Each club will take charge of the ladies at the time of the Federaion for one day's entertainment. Pres. Lakin wishes to bring the Federation to Palo Alto for one day, thinks can get votes [illeg]. Mrs. Lakin suggested name of Mrs. Kitchen caused by resignation of Mrs. Turley to fill vacancy in the Department of Art & Litratue, moved by Mrs. Rosebrook, sec. by Mrs. Weishaar, Mrs. Kitchin be elected to fill said vacancy. Carried. Sec. asked for guest

cards to give each member after she had paid dues.

Paying for our lot was the next subject introduced; Much talk took place, many plans were suggested

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to raise money to pay the remaining indebtedness. It seemed to be the mind of the board that the club members raise the money and pay for the lot themselves, further the majority seemed in favor of asking for further subscriptions, then giving socials and entertainments of various nature to raise the remainder. All this talk crystalized at once when Mrs. [illeg] Perry 737 Bryant St. invited the ladies to give the first social at her residence. Wed. Oct. 11 from 3 to 6 p.m. Club women and their friends both ladies and gentlemen all invited to listen to the fine program, partake of the fine refreshments and incidentally contribute 25 cts. each toward the club house lot. Pres. appointed refreshment Com Mrs. Weishaar, Mrs. Kitchen, and Mrs. Perry & ladies contributed cakes. Refreshments to consist of cake and tea. Other plans of raising money proposed. Mrs. Lakin paid dues. adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. approved.

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Fraternity Hall Oct. 4 1905

Club convened at usual hour Pres. Lakin in the chair. Reading of minutes by Sec. approved. Sweet singing by Miss Arnott followed, after expressing her great pleasure in Miss Arnott's gift of song, which had previously been unknown to her, Pres. Lakin introduced speaker of afternoon Mrs. J. M. Cushing. Mrs. Cushing had been one of the first and most successful workers in the matter of getting Juvenile Courts established in California, therefore was well fitted to tell us about the "Probation Officers for Adults."

Mrs. Cushing gave us first a definition of the term "probation" as it is used to designate a system of treating offenders against the laws of society. Said person is allowed liberty on condition he will in all respects demean himself according to law, in default of which he is brought to court and sentenced according to the regular methods provided

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with in courts of justice. While at liberty the person is in control of, and at stated periods, reports to, a probation officer and receives his final discharge only when this officer deems him reliable. Mrs. Cushing likened this system to Joshua's policy for establishing cities of refuge in the Holyland. This system in our country was first used in Mass. 40 years ago. Two citizens of philanthropic proclivities frequented the courts and became security for the behaviors of the accused, sometimes paying the fine. These loans, we were told, were always repaid. In 1878 a law requiring probation officers for the city of Boston was passed. Chief of police capt. Edward [illeg] being appointed, secured such good results that a probation officer from each municipal police and district court was appointed, each officer receiving salaries. [illeg] in 1895. A Penological Com met, this subject received attention and was strongly commended. France, Belgium, England, Canada, and New Zealand have passed laws similar to those in our country. We have had probation laws in California since March 1903, this bill as passed carried no pay

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for the officer. This year an effort was made to have salaries [illeg] in the counties of San Francisco, Los Angeles and Alameda, result, salary for Los Angeles Co. but non for San Francisco and Alameda. Speaker strongly disapproved of such discrimination. Salary for all 3

counties or for none, in her opinion would have been more just. Speaker dwelt on the evil resulting sending young people to prison, and generally upon the result of environment, instanced Australia as being at first a penal colony, but proving a veritable city of refuge to those whose condition was considered hopeless [illeg] Australia has become a wonderful nation with no servile race allowed within its borders. Speaker urged club women to take an interest in the practical working of this law and in raising the money to carry on the work where no salary is provided, women can often do good work. As public opinion needs rousing, club women can do much in this direction. Probation can be used where ever the offender is brought up for the first time. In June 1903, Oakland women's club

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undertook to pay probation officers salary. By the aid of other clubs and interested people, they have been enabled to do this and today in Alameda Co. alone there are 25 persons on probation, all owing to the efforts of these women. Speaker closed by saying when the people of this state know what this law means in the saving of man and money they will realize, jails and prisons should not be built, nor occupied. In the ideal community they would at least be empty if already built. Jesus sent the women away on probation when he said: Go and sin no more. A number of questions were answered by Mrs. Cushing in regard to the work. I am sure thoughtful people have learned much from this lecture, and that it will move those club women, who have time, to do something in this direction. Mrs. Corbert moved, sec. by Mrs. Kitchen, that Mrs. Thompson serve as Director for this year. carried. Pres. Lakin spoke on club house question, and upon recent plans, not yet matured, for raising the full amount for club house lot. Mrs. Thompson held attention of club by her really fine current events paper Letter from Tampa Florida

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read, soliciting articles from club to be sold for benefit of club house in said town. After some discussion as to method of helping these women it was decided to send articles donated by individuals to Mrs. Kitchen and Mrs. Rosebrook to be forwarded to Tampa by them in the name of the club.

The social held at the [illeg] Perry residence on Bryant Street last Wed. afternoon Oct. 12, proved a great success. A delightful day drew out a delightful crowd of women and they enjoyed the fine program provided, to the full, leaving behind them \$21.25 toward club house lot. adjournment.

Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. read and approved.

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Fraternity Hall Oct. 18 1905

Meeting called to order by Pres. Lakin owing to absence of Mrs. Roller from town no musical selection was rendered. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Current events by Mrs. [illeg]. Pres. introduced speaker of the day, Dr. Jordon, who happily entertained the club by giving us some glimpses of rural England as seen in a touring car. Spoke of the English universities [illeg] different, aims and methods of instruction. Also encouraged all ancestry hunters by declaring we are all (of English parentage) descended from the crowned heads of Europe, also from its peasantry. Gave the club much information from maps and a picture of the region of country in which Lorna Doone is located. Compared the practical man of affairs such as engineers that the American universities send out, with the product of similar training in Europe much to the advantage of the American system. Intermission of 5 minutes at close of lecture to meet Dr. Jordon and look at picture postals.

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Meeting called to order for business session. Letter from Oakland club giving invitations to "Mothers Market" Sec. ordered to reply to same. Mrs. Scofield presented plan for giving Art Exhibit under directive of Prof. Hill for purpose of buying good copies of famous pictures for school house walls after some discussion of this matter. Mrs. Frisbie moved Mrs. Gilbert Sec. Club take this matter up. carried. Mrs. Weishaar made report.

Mrs. Weishaar reported death of Mrs. M. L. Hart. moved and carried resolution of regret and respect be drafted and sent family, carried Pres. appointed to do this Mrs. Weishaar, Corbert, and Wyckoff. Election of delegates to our district convention to be held in new club house of Calif. Club Nov. 13, resolved in election of Mrs. Stuart and Mrs. Gilbert as regular delegates, tho Pres. urged many ladies to attend. Sec. cast ballot for delegates, Mrs. Gilbert presented facts in regard to Needlework Guild. Read, amended and approved. Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec.

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Resolutions of Regret

Our Father, in His Love and Wisdom [illeg] to take our sister and friend Mrs. Mary Luericin Hart, to abide in the city not made with hands, [illeg] the Heavens"; and [illeg] We recognize we have lost as our sister one, who while on [illeg] further with her whole heart [illeg] of excellence, that commended [illeg] to her, and that our loss is her eternal gain, Therefore [illeg] that we extend to her nearest and dearest, our love and sympathy with the hope that they may someday find her, in the great beyond.

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Fraternity Hall Nov. 1st 1906 ?

Club convened at usual hour, Pres. Lakin in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Miss Rea Stuart furnished music for the afternoon. Mrs. Gertrude Dibble gave current events in her usual able manner. Mrs. Alden being ill, Mrs. Armstrong presented an interesting paper about "Books in the Home" and Mrs. Mary Stuart [illeg] in the Home." Some differences of opinion and a spicy talk by some of the ladies ensued, after which Mrs. Gertrude Dibble spoke on "Amusements in the Home." In the discussion which followed Mrs. Holt voiced the true feeling of many when she asked for practical suggestions as to the course to be pursued with one's own children. Mrs. Gilbert spoke on modern social conventions and their modification in a college town. Owing to the lateness of the hour there was scarcely any discussion of this topic, though perhaps it, above the others is in

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Palo Alto of most interest to mothers. Could some of the critics of Women's Clubs have been present and heard this home afternoon program rendered, I feel sure they would wish all women were club women. Mrs. Corbert called attention to the fact no resolutions of respect had been drafted on the reception of the news of the death of Mrs. Hart. Pres. appointed committee to do so. Adjournment Laura M. Wyckoff sec. Read and approved.

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Executive Board Oct. 30, 1906 ?

Meeting called to order by Pres. Lakin, 11 [illeg] present.

After considering much more matters and disposing of same by board, president called for report from Mrs. Karns on the subscription for club lot fund. She reported subscribed \$330.00, collected \$245.00.

Treasurer Weishaar reported the taxes paid on the lot as \$14.22. Mrs. Rosebrook moved Mrs. Parkinson seconded warrant be drawn for same amount carried.

Food sale to be given [illeg] day by club discussed nothing definite arranged as all felt the social at Mrs. Hart's should first be arranged for. Mrs. Corbert called attention the fact the committee appointed to send articles to Women's Club in Tampa Florida had neither reported nor been discharged by Pres.

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Mrs. Gilbert reported the gymnasium still admitted high school pupils free of charge, also that all athletics in [illeg] school were required to take gym work 3 periods a week including lecture on hygiene. Board of Education to pay, according to member taking [illeg] \$25.00 for final [illeg] per mo.

Program for social to be given at Mrs. Hart's to be arranged by Mrs. Rosebrook, Mrs. Parkinson, and Mrs. Wyckoff. Each woman to secure 2 numbers of program moved and sec. that we adjourn. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. read and approved after correction.

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Fraternity Hall Nov. 15 1905

Club opened in usual manner Pres. Lakin in the chair. Minutes of Sec. read and after some slight correction approved. Club listened with great pleasure to a song from Miss Ruth Foster. Current Events by Mrs. Rosebrook were highly entertaining and instructive. Pres. Lakin commented upon one item, race suicide, as having had her attention called to this matter, by receiving letter from [Burion sp?] collecting statistics bearing upon this matter, among Club Women. Mrs. Stuart gave a very full complete report of the day sessions of the Federated Clubs. Mrs. Wyckoff a very short one of the evening reception. Pres. Lakin after introducing Miss Smith called Mrs. Kitchen to the chair, as chairman of the Art and Literature Dept., to preside. Miss Smith read the very delightful lecture, written by her mother on "The Padres." All present while regretting the illness of Mrs. Geo. Law Smith, were

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very pleased to listen to the daughter, and Mrs. Kitchen voiced the sentiment of the Club in thanking her. Business of club was then taken up. Report called for of Tampa Florida Com. received and committee discharged. Mrs. Green moved seconded by Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Hart's invitation to hold social at her house next Sat. be accepted, carried. Refreshments discussed and donated. Mrs. Geo Parkinson coffee, Mrs. G. Frisbie sugar Mrs. Newlands 1 doz sandwiches Mrs. Tyler 1 doz. sandwiches. Members of board 2 doz each. Mrs. Lakin and Mrs. Rosebrook reported on Program Com. Mrs. Corbert reported literature from Mrs. Park for distribution as she saw fit. had given it to library. Mrs. Lakin repeated offer of board to give concert for benefit of Club. Club to pay expenses of hall advertising to Mrs. Nina Parkinson, moved, sec. by Mrs. Rosebrook, Club accept said offer to give a Promenade Concert, carried, Mrs. Corbert, reported upon J. M. Glass as speaker on Dec. 6th, on Political Equality day. No further business arising Club adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. approved as read.

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Executive Board Dec. 4th 1905

Board met at usual hour, 3 p.m., Pres Lakin in the chair, 9 members present, minutes read and approved.

Communication from San Bernardino Woman's Club asking Women's Club of Palo Alto to order a number of the Women's Edition of the Daily Times at 10 cts. each, the money raised in this manner to help build new club house. Moved and sec letter be read to club leaving it to individuals to subscribe as they saw fit. carried. Pres. asked opinion of board as to the observance of Bird day. After much discussion, moved and sec. Mrs. Lakin confer with Mr. Hill as to feasibility of introducing this topic into the exercises of Arbor Day. carried. The State Federation of Woman's Club meets Feb. 7, 8, 9th in San Jose. As there are only 7 federated clubs in Santa Clara Co. and as the Federation is the guest of Santa Clara Co. as it were, it behooves these clubs to assist the San Jose Club in every way possible. Therefore Pres. Lakin appointed from our Club, on

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committees

Mrs. Geo Parkinson- Reception

Mrs. Geraldine Frisbie, Finances

Mrs. Baldwin, Gilbert, and Weishaar, Introductions, Mrs. Kitchen Literature, Miss Scofield Literature, Mrs. Nina Parkinson Information, Mrs. Rosebrook auditing

Mrs. Lakin with assistants will attend to getting excursion rates etc. etc.

Discussion of Art Exhibit to be given in future under Auspices of Woman's Club assisted by teachers from High and Public schools, the proceeds of which go to schools to purchase pictures. Mrs. Lakin requested to confer further with Mr. Hill.[* Mrs. Karns reported on club house lot fund of the subscriptions still uncollected, \$81.00, we have \$27.00 only to raise and we shall have the full amount to pay for our lot. *not correct] Amount realized at Mrs. Hart's \$18.40 making from our two socials afternoons \$40.15. Mrs. Sylvester Strong invited the Club to hold a Band Concert next

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Friday evening at her house Dec. 8, moved and seconded invitation be accepted, carried.

Committees appointed to see band arranged for advertising canvassing veranda etc. etc. Mrs. Scofield made suggestions, which she will later repeat to Club - Pres. instructed Sec. to subscribe for Federation Bulletin. No further business arising board adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. read and approved.

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Fraternity Hall Dec 6th 1905

The regular meeting of the Club was called to order promptly by Pres. J. S. Lakin. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Rosebrook gave current events. Mrs. Milms favored the Club with a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Roller.

Mrs. Lakin announced next lecture to be given by Prof. Alden Dec. 20th.

President then announced this afternoon program in charge of the Political E. Speaker Hon. J. M. Glass. Mr. Glass spoke on the Initiative and Referendum, explaining the same, and telling us the 4 sttes in which this mode of proceeding is in vogue, Missouri, South Dakota, Utah and Oregon. Mrs. Corbert asked lecturer to expalin the term Imperative Mandate which Mr. Glass

very pleasantly did. The lecture was [illeg] throughout.[illeg] the gentlemen much

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pleased he said, to address each a goodly number of women and men. At close of lecture Pres. announced the band concert which was to have been given Friday Dec. 8 at Mrs. Sylvester Strong's, was postponed until after Xmas. Your Sec was so unfortunate a few weeks ago as to lose her notes and had to therefore write one of her reports from memory entirely. She quite forgot to mention the pleasing fact communicated to the club that when East Mrs. Geraldine Frisbie called at the home of Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker and was assured by her, we may look for Mrs. Decker in Calif, at San Jose, in Feb. No further business being presented Club adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. read & approved

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Fraternity Hall Dec. 20 1905

Meeting called to order by President Lakin. Informed club of the request made by Eastrn Star Ladies that Club move to smaller hall and allow them to decorate for their evening affair. motion to adjourn was made and carried. Club adjournment to small hall and Pres. spoke on the meeting called in Jan. of all committees appointed to take charge of Federated meeting in San Jose. Mrs. Green being absent, Mrs. Gilbert read current events as prepared and sent in by Mrs. Green after which Pres. Lakin stated Mrs. Corbert was finding much difficulty securing women to take charge of this part of the program. Asked if anyone present had belonged to a current events club, as Mrs. Corbert wished information on the matter. Urged the ladies, when asked to prepare Current Events, by Mrs. Corbert to accept duty.

Mrs. Lakin then introduced Prof. R. M. Alden as the speaker for this afternoon. Prof Alden gave us one of the most finished lectures it has been our privilege to hear in a long time. Opened his lecture by referring to his childish impression of the phrase "Dark Ages" which is now generally conceded to have been from the 4th to the 14th century, object to show how our literature grew from this took place. Defined Allegory as story with second meaning, instancing the Pilgrim's Progress as a great example . He said German classics not rich in allegory [illeg] bible. His story of how the Greek architecture and literature was noted for simplicity and beauty but did not aspire as did the Gothic architecture, and literature of its time. The lecture throughout was so rich in suggestion and material that one should hear it to get its full import. At conclusion of lecture Pres. called for report from Treasurer as to lot fund. She reported, amount deposited in bank \$1085.50 leaving a bal. yet to be paid of \$88.18

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Mrs. Gilbert reported for Gymnasium, a full report, as the Sept. report for various reasons had not been quite complete. this report is quite too long to incorporate in minutes, so have preserved original report for reference.

Mrs. Wyckoff read letter from San Bernardino asking ladies to subscribe for the Woman's Club Edition of the Daily Times index to aid Club in building. Treas stated executive board had decided to ask for individual subscriptions 4 ladies gave their names and money for same, to Sec. to send. no further business arising Club adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. read and approved.

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Report of Palo Alto Gymnasium Dec. 20 1905

When your com. reported last Sept. on the Gymnasium you were told that an accurate financial statement could not then be made but that as soon as possible one would be submitted. I wish today to make this deferred report.

Last March two of the classes in the Gymnasium became so small that they had to be abandoned. During April and May the attendance in the other classes decreased to such an extent that the income for those months was very little. The student instructors who were giving us their services for a very small salary could not give the time necessary for building up the work or for arousing fresh interest. It became evident that if the Gymnasium was to do the work we had anticipated it must be placed upon a broader and more business like basis.

During the early summer the Com. canvassed every possible measure, and were forced to the conclusion that an Instructor who would give his entire time to the work was absolutely necessary.

In June we learned that Mr. Sloan was free, and that he was considering a call to work elsewhere. As he is by far the best Physical Instructor in this part of the country, and as he was willing to undertake building up the work, we engaged him. It was necessary to close the engagement at once and Mr. Sloan came the first of July with the understanding that he would spend that month in getting acquainted with the field and in refitting the Gymnasium at a nominal salary of \$50.00. After that time he should receive \$75.00 per month.

It was hoped that a town class could be arranged for Aug. and that on the opening of the schools in Sept. an arrangement could be made at once to establish the school Gymnasium work on a good basis.

Owing largely to the absence of many persons during the latter part of the summer the town class was small. The introduction of Physical training as a definite course in the High School proved difficult of adjustment as arrangements had to be made with the University, the Co. Bd. of Education, the town School Bd, the High School teachers, and the High School Boys. A regular income from this source did not begin until November.

We have now reached the point where we can have a definite policy, and definite arguments with all concerned. The H. S. students take Physical training in the Gym as a regular school course for which the University gives an entrance credit. Mr. Sloan holds a certificate from the Co. Bd. of Education which assumes our right to draw tuition. The School Bd. pays us per mo. \$25.00 for the first 35 pupils and 50 c apiece for each additional pupil. We have a similar arrangement with the School of Photog. We have a Director of undoubted ability, who is doing excellent work, as all his students testify.

We are working toward the time when the Public Schools will have a gymnasium of their own. This can only be brought about by demonstrating the value of this work. A few years experience will convince both parents and students that Physical Education is a vital necessity. The Woman's Club can then turn over its apparatus to the School authorities or a [illeg] Assoc, as it has turned over the Library to the town authorities.

The following is the financial statement to Dec. 1. The expenses for Mrch, April May & June were met by an outside resource of which I will speak later. This report covers the time from July 1 - Dec. 1. 1905, 5 months.

Receipts

Cash on hand

\$ 30.00

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Woman's Club	25.00
Class dues	245.00
Uncollected dues	<u>90.00</u>
total	393.00

Expenses	
Rents. 5 months.	200.00
Salary " "	350.00
Water and Lights	47.90
Printing	17.20
Repairs	10.00
[illeg]	6.00
Incidentals	<u>28.00</u>
total	\$659.10

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\$266.18 deficit

This deficit, and the sum of \$150.00 for the original equipment has to be met. We 2 yrs ago originally canvassed the town for \$1200. We failed to secure about \$150.00 that we had expected to receive; rather than allow the Gymnasium to suffer for lack of essentials Mr. Baldwin borrowed the sum of \$150.00 on his own notes and has since carried it. this brings our indebtedness up to \$416.00

In order to meet the deficit, and pay this debt the money has been borrowed from the Bank, and three members of the Board, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Zchokke, and myself have made ourselves personally responsible for it.

The Gymnasium Bd. has agreed to assist the High School on raising money to make an Athletic Field. We shall ask public subscriptions for this purpose, and for the purpose of meeting our accrued deficit and equipment debt.

The money which defrayed the expenses of Mrch April May & June was raised in the following way:

Mr. Baldwin aided in the sale of some real estate and according to his agreement with the Real Estate Agt accepted for the Gym his share of the Com of \$165.00. I sold a lot for a gentleman and the Com of \$100.00 went to the Gymnasium. This \$265 met the expenses of those months.

In regard to the future. Our expenses average about \$130.00 per mo. Our income from classes is about \$70, leaving a monthly deficit of about \$60.00. This should be provided for by increased attendance in the classes, by so doing we not only meet our expenses, but we accomplish the purpose of the Gymnasium. The work of of such high character that those who attend receive much more than their money's worth. The dues in the Ladies, boys and girls classes are \$1.50 per quarter, 50 c per month. In the evening classes \$1.00 per mo., of \$10.00 per yr. If the classes will not pay the entire expenses we must have a monthly subscription list - or someone must sell some real estate. I have control of two houses in town which are for sale. If any one can send a purchaser I will see that the Com goes into the Gym fund. A parent conference will be held in the [illeg] of the Congr. Ch on Friday evening at 7:30 - and we should welcome any one who is interested in the welfare of the Gym

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Executive Board Jan. 2nd 1906

The president being absent the Sec. called the meeting of board at Mrs. Scofield's vice pres. of Palo Alto Woman's Club.

Secretary being late, presiding officer called on treasurer to read communication from American Civic Association, Philadelphia, requesting Club to take action in regard to preservation of Niagra Falls from the power companies, which threaten its destruction. Sec. coming in at this time presiding officer requested her to write protesting in name of the club. Mrs. Frisbie moved this be done also that she bring it to attention of the public through the medium of our press committee. card sent by same association to be filled, as to the civic work done by the club. She instructed to fill out card and return also to send dues, continuing our membership. In response to question as to the advantages to be desired from longer continuing our membership, Mrs. Gilbert said we received much valuable material which is of use and interest at the library.

Communications from Associated Charities [illeg]ting the names of different [illeg] which have operated under the name but without the recommendation of the board of charities. Club urged to exercise care in giving, ask always to see card of recommendation from Associated Charities. Mrs. Baldwin being unable to act on Introduction Com at coming Federation of Clubs at San Jose Presiding officer appointed Mrs. Corbert to fill position. Some discussion ensued upon the number who have not paid dues, and yet are current club members. Treasurer stated she had paid dues into Gen. Fed. on [illeg] as some difference of opinion existed as to her doing this, Mrs. Scofield called for reading of constitution. Finally thought members are in good standing until first day of January. Jan. 17 being our musical program day, Mrs. Scofield suggested Miss Mary Adele Case who has recently located here in Palo Alto be invited to furnish some selections, suggestion adopted by board. Presiding officer also called attention to the effort the Citizen has made to publish club news generally, and write up the gymnasium in particular at this time. Mrs. Gilbert moved, seconded by Mrs. Frisbie current events be omitted upon our next meeting Jan. 17. Carried. Mrs Corbert head of current events being willing, Mrs. Scofield so ordered, as we [illeg]all possible time for program and business at this meeting, no further matter being presented motion to adjourn was carried. Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. read and approved.

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Fraternity Hall Jan. 3rd 1906

meeting called to order by vice president, Mrs. Scofield, who presided, owing to absence of Mrs. Lakin. minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Dingley entertained the club with beautiful instrumental music.

Presiding officer then introduced [illeg] Walter Hays who spoke upon "Play" in its relation to the child in the home and out of it. The subject was so exhaustively treated and so ably presented that at its conclusion the president asked the privilege of getting it published in our city papers. Mr. Hays expressed his hearty commendation of the W.C. effort in the gymnasium calling it the best work W.C. do. I am sure every person present felt its applicability to the efforts that are now being put forth by public spirited citizens to secure money for a new athletic field for the schools and added improvements in the gymnasium,

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also to wipe out the debt already [illeg]. The only regret expressed was, so few were present of the whole numbers of our club to listen to a lecture that all parents should have profited by. Mrs. Gilbert asked that time of next meeting, after the musical program, be devoted to consideration of gymnasium matters. moved and seconded this be done. presiding officer again asked for large attendance not only to listen to Miss Mary Adele Case who will favor the club with two groups of song, but also to definitely arrange for the gymnasium and consider art exhibit matters. Mrs. Corbert spoke on difficulty of securing persons to arrange and read current events. many had promised to be ready for this after the holidays. Spoke of plan of dividing C. E. into topics, a person take a topic and speak on it. five different people occupying the five minutes devoted to this part of program. Some one suggested [illeg] of sec. drafting and sending a letter of condolence to Mrs. Fletcher. Mrs. Rosebrook moved this be done, carried, sec so instructed.

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Treasurer Weishaar reported on lot fund. Sec. called attention to letter sent out by Asso. Charities, warning people about giving to persons asking assistance for benevolent purpose unless they have the endorsement card issued by charity endorsement com. This letter, to be read to the club, explains itself fully. No further business being on hand club adjourned. Lynn M. Wyckoff, Sec. read and approved.

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Whereas our friend and sister Mrs. Kathryn Fletcher has lost one who, in the relation of mother, was so near and dear to her, and
Whereas we know the departed one has but moved into her father's home, into a mansion not made with hands, and
whereas we know to die is to gain, therefore,
Resolved we extend to Mrs. Fletcher and family our tenderest love and thought for her and their welfare on earth, while they wait for the summons to rejoin her, they so tenderly loved and cherished here below, and
resolved that their resolutions be incorporated in the minutes and a copy sent to Mrs. Fletcher.
Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. 1-4-1906

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Fraternity Hall Jan 17 1906

Club opened with vice president Scofield in the chair. President Lakin still absent. Minutes read and approved. At conclusion of reading of minutes Sec. Wyckoff spoke a few words of appreciation, as to the manner in which the papers of our town responded to request for space when we wish to publish items in regard to club affairs. asked also that a vote of thanks be taken. All the papers have been exceedingly kind but the Citizen quite outdid even itself when it so kindly devoted many columns to presenting Rev. Walter Hays lecture on Play to the people of Palo Alto. Mrs. Gilbert moved we extend a vote of thanks to all the papers for their kindness and their public spiritedness, and especial thanks to the Citizen for its latest effort in this direction. Second and Carried, attention was called to the coming concert by Miss [Lussi sp?] Upham and members urged to attend, as the club finds itself a debtor to Miss Upham in many

courtesies. Delightful solos were given by Miss Adele Case, a young lady who has lately moved to Pal Alto. Miss Upham acted as accompanier, Miss Arnott familiar instrumental selection with her usual good taste and execution. Altogether the afternoon was a delightful musical treat under the supervision of our talented young club member Miss Elizabeth Scofield. Presiding officer Mrs. Scofield after the conclusion of the program presented the matter of the gymnasium saying it had been announced that the question of the amount of support the club would give the gymnasium would be considered at this meeting, but upon some reflection she felt that it being an important matter which would cast credit or discredit upon the club she preferred the matter should go on until Pres. Lakin was here to attend to it. and asked for a motion to that effect. Moved by Mrs. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Sloan. Carried.

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The picture exhibit was discussed, Explanation given as to the part the Woman's Club had in arranging for it, 6 committees appointed, a meeting of said committees arranged for Thursday evening and general arrangements made.

Delegates were elected to state Federation at San Jose, or rather the club found itself only able to fund 1 delegate, as less than 100 were paid up members. Mrs. E. F. Weishaar was elected delegate and Mrs. Emily Karns alternate. Mrs. Gilbert reported arrangements had been perfected for luncheon at the Inn on the campus, for all ladies who wished to take luncheon there on Sat. the 10th of Feb. at 37 cts. each.

Mr. Malcolm spoke briefly to the club on the coming mass meeting to consider bonding [?] the town and invited all women interested to attend. As the P. A. Bond have a concert arranged for Feb. 22nd it was decided to postpone the intended benefit for the Woman's

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Club until sometime in March. The report of the com. who attended the General committee in San Jose was read and approved. Nothing more in this line of business coming up for attention, club adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. read and approved.

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Executive Board

Called Meeting by Mrs. Scofield Thursday Jan. 26 1906

Vice Pres. Scofield called meeting to order by saying "We are meeting together, the Executive Board, the Gymnasium Board, and the various coms of the womans club as a ways and means committee to consider matters pertaining to the gymnasium."

Called upon Mrs. Gilbert, who said the Gym. Board wished the meeting for two reasons, 1st, to call attention to the added deficit of two mos since her last report, 2ndly wished for a called meeting of the Club, to consider the Gym problem. wished every member of the Ex. Board to inform herself at first hand before the next meeting of the Club, and to bring forward and discuss, all possible questions she desired answered.

Mrs. Nina Parkinson asked what plan the Gym Board had, what they wished of the club.

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Mrs. Gilbert replied we wish for increase in classes through efforts of this club, and increased donations. Continuing said, if the club, as a unit had stood behind the gym as it had stood behind the library when the Library committee were raising \$100.00 per mo. from the community in various ways, for its support - when the town was not 1/2 so large nor 1/2 so wealthy, there would have been no difficulty in raising the money for the support of the gymnasium.

However there had not been a unanimous feeling in its favor, nor concerted action in working for its best interest. In answer to criticisms on situation of the hall, with bowling alley beneath, said, perhaps bowling alley had been a disadvantage to gymnasium. In answer to questions as to whether the gymnasium could get out now or at the end of the year, perhaps, said, we are willing to change if better place can

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be obtained, and matter of lease arranged with Mr. Mullen, who the gym board as a whole stated, had been most considerate, contributing in all about \$60.00 toward the Gym. Mrs. Gilbert gave history of efforts made to induce university council to grant entrance credit to high school pupils taking gymnastics, these pupils to be endorsed by Dr. Snow. Also spoke of work done to induce the superintendent of school to grant Mr. Sloan certificate to enable him to draw salary from [illeg] treasury. Of many other difficulties overcome by persistent [illeg] effort of the board. Mrs. Rosebrook remarked we, the Club, have provided the Gym and the public have not given it support - continuing said, while she wished to do best for the Club she did not favor going deeper into debt, as the deficit was piling up each mo. Some one remarked that the club had not supported the

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gym as we should have done, the Gym Board had given entertainments, but the club itself had this year financially done nothing as a club except pay a sum aggregating about .05 (five cts.) per member per mo. toward its support. Mrs. [illeg] said the gym had agreed to give work entitling the high school pupil one credit in the university, therefore we must not think of shirking our responsibility in the matter nor try to get rid of our obligation. Some people whom she had asked for subscriptions had replied, "Your club seems to be soldiering itself in this matter, why should we give." Continuing Mrs. Zschocke said the club must realize its responsibility, put its shoulder to the wheel, and the gymnasium will prosper. Mr. Baldwin called attention to the fact he had told the club in the beginning of the movement he could not give assurance

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the gym would prove financially a success, at first such had not been the history of gyms, as conducted by Young Men C. H.s It would have been a wonder if this gym had been self supporting at once. Miss Gilbert spoke of lack of concerted action and said it was reported that Mrs. Hill had known of difference of opinion among club members and for that reason had hesitated to enter into arrangements with gym. Mr. Baldwin also said, Mr. Sloan was known as one of the best Physical Directors in this part of the country, that Mr. Sloan had recently received an offer of \$100.00 per mo. from Los Angeles, had accepted, as he felt under no obligation to the people of Palo Alto, under the circumstances no one but Mr. Baldwin had taken any interest in the work done at the gym. Mr. Baldwin after much persuasion had induced Mr. Sloan to hold up the acceptance sent South, as the gym and the club cannot afford to break faith with the university, the schools and the people. To discontinue would work great harm throughout the state, as the experiment of giving credits at university, their school, on gym work would serve as a precedent for the schools. Dr. Snow has stated he has received many inquiries from other high schools as to how the experiment was working in Palo Alto; to discontinue now would greatly retard gym. work in high schools throughout the state, hence the great need of retaining a trained perfectly competent instructor. Mrs. Zschocke asked women to keep in mind the fact that

no lad is now allowed to take athletic sports unless taking gym work, that athletics in the schools are to be under proper supervision. Mrs. Rosebrook wished to go on record as not opposed, only now no way to provide for further

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deficiencies, had heard there were already 40 people paying each a dollar per mo. Mrs. Corbert had heard this same. Mrs. Gilbert i[illeg] if were true but said only \$6.00 individual subscriptions per mo. had been received during the latter part of last year. Several members suggested various methods for raising money for [illeg] expenses. Many questions were asked, and satisfactorily answered by the gym board. those who had been soliciting subscriptions toward deficit, also for ensuing expenses reported those parties who had formerly given, as being more ready to now subscribe than formerly, almost without exception, in some instances doubling their subscription. All said only a few of the names handed them had been seen, so they felt encouraged to continue. The point was many times made by gym board, it is the enthusiastic support in the community of the Women's Club that is needed to make the gymnasium a success. Only a knowledge of what the gym is doing and stands ready to do for our youth, and the adult population of Palo Alto is needed to enlist the interest and support of the people. Mrs. Scofield offered to be one of 15 to pay \$2.00 per mo. for one year toward the running expenses of the gymnasium.

Mrs. Perry became a second.

Mrs. Zschocke 1 dollar for one year

Mrs. Wyckoff 1 dollar for one year

Mrs. Rosebrook 1 dollar till end of May

Mrs. Weishaar 1 dollar till end of May, , and longer if necessary.

Moved by Mrs. Sloan sec. by Mrs. Weishaar vice pres call a meeting for Jan 31 Wed at 3 p.m. to consider important matters concerning the gymnasium - carried. adjourned Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. read, amended, and approved Jan 31 1906

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Fraternity Hall Jan 31 1906

Called Meeting

At three p.m. a called meeting of the club convened in Fraternity Hall to dispose of questions concerning Gymnasium, vice Pres. Scofield in the chair.

After some informal announcements, concerning the Turner Art Exhibit, and the State Federation meeting, Mrs. Scofield stated it had been thought best to elect a second delegate to the Fed., as a sufficient amount in dues had been paid by members to entitle us to a second delegate. Mrs. Wyckoff raised question as to the legality of this action. Mrs. Rosebrook and Mrs. Corbert both stating that by unanimous consent of the Club this could be done, Mrs. Wyckoff withdrew her objection, and a motion by Rosebrook sec. by Mrs. Bell put in nomination Mrs. Scofield, Sec. put the motion was carried unanimously. Mrs. Stuart moved the next regular meeting of the club be requested to ratify this action. Carried. Vice Pres. then stated object of the meeting, and called for reading of the minutes of the called meeting of Gymnasium Board, Executive Board and heads of committees held at her house Jan. 25. These minutes were read amended and approved. The minutes of the Club and Executive Board pertaining in any way to the gymnasium since its first meeting were then read by Sec. up to the gymnasium report of Dec. 20 1905. This report was then read by Mrs. Gilbert representing the gymnasium board. A general discussion followed concerning the details of gym management. Mrs. Gilbert stated that at her request Mr. Baldwin had reserved the afternoon from other duties that he might be free

to come, upon request, to answer any questions. Mrs. Zschoke stated the outlook for the immediate future was greatly brightened by the offer of the University

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Settlement Association to organize and train boy's clubs in Palo Alto, their clubs to be in touch with gymnasium.

Mrs. Gilbert stated categorically what the gymnasium board wished to ask of the club. 1st Assistance in securing funds from the public to meet the summer deficit of \$350.00 and a deficit on equipment of \$150.00

2nd An Appropriation of \$10.00 per mo toward the rent of the gymnasium

3rdly Individual monthly contribution to the amount of \$30.00 which would complete the monthly rent of \$40.00 These monthly contributions to be collected and paid out by club treasurer

4th a united earnest effort to secure larger membership in the gym classes. Mrs. Bradford after a short earnest talk in favor of the gymnasium enterprise subscribed \$2.00 per mo. for its support.

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Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. Zschoke, Osborne, Perry, Herold each subscribed \$2.00. The ladies subscribing for \$1.00 per mo. were Miss Clapp, Mrs. Strong, Fletcher, Roller, Weishaar, Wyckoff, Miss Hughes, Mrs. Rosebrook \$1.00 til end of May. Mrs. Henley, Mrs. Kidder, Mrs. Lyons each 50 cts. Mrs. Byxbee and Miss Hadden each 25 cts. making in all \$22.00 subscribed at the meeting. Mrs. Wilbur stated the work of the gymnasium had been of great value to her son also to an invalid lady of her acquaintance. Suggested if we had some of the old workers here the Club would know where to get money. Mrs. Roller moved the Club support the gymnasium for one year, but having misunderstood withdrew her motion, Mrs. Sherman moved the club pay rent for one year, Mrs. Corbert moved to amend the motion Club pay rent until June 1 st after which doors will be closed. Mrs. Stuart declared the motion out of order, as club was already legally bound for the

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rent. motion withdrawn Mrs. Tyler moved the Club pay \$10 per mo. toward rent of gym. seconded (did not hear by whom) Mrs. Corbert objected that the necessary amount was not in the Treasury, and asked 'where it will come from.' Vice pres Scofield made suggestion as to raising this money, Mrs. Corbert rose to point of order as she considered Mrs. Scofield's remarks not pertinent to the motion. Mrs. Baldwin suggested that church societies pledged money before it was raised. Motion put and carried by rising vote; ayes 34 noes 5. not voting 5 rs. Weishaar inquired how the monthly contributions were to be collected. It was suggested each subscriber bring her subscription the 1st meeting of the mo. to the club treasurer, thus saving her unnecessary trouble. Mrs. Gilbert stated that at the end of the year if the Club saw the way clear to closing the lease with Mr. Mullen, the Gymnasium could probably be housed elsewhere.

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Since the public had given us the apparatus for public use, we were under obligation to put it where it would accomplish that purpose. We could keep faith with the public by placing the apparatus either with a Y.M.C.A. or in the public schools. It had been suggested that the town be induced to vote bonds to build gymnasium and baths on proposed park. Nothing further being

suggested club adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. read and approved.

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Regular meeting of board at Mrs. Schfield's, no quorum being present, board adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. read and approved.

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Feb. 7 1906 Fraternity Hall

Owing to absence of many members attending state Federation in San Jose, and other causes, some delay was experienced in opening the meeting. A quorum being obtained Sec. Wyckoff called meeting to order, and asked for nominations for Pres. as Vice Pres. and Treasurer were absent Mrs. Bradbury sec. by Mrs. Bell nominated Mrs. Gilbert, who was unanimously elected. Mrs. Gilbert took the chair, and called for reading of the minutes, both of regular and called meeting of Jan. 31. Minutes amended and approved. Presiding officer stated principal business of this meeting was to ratify the action of the called meeting of Jan 31 in nominating Mrs. Sarah Scofield as delegate to State Federation, said federation to open this day Feb. 7 1906 in San Jose.

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moved seconded, and carried said action be ratified.

Presiding officer made some statements in regard to carriages, lunch, and other matters, already arranged for, should the proposed delegation from San Jose come Sat. Feb. 10. Mrs. Armstrong gave Current Events which were so excellent that the opinion was expressed Mrs. Armstrong be invited to give the same paper, with additions, at next meeting. Mrs. Armstrong consenting, it was so ordered, Presiding officer and those present thought best to arrange for Associated Charities to come another date. Nothing further arising Club adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. Read and approved.

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Monday Feb. 12 1906

An adjourned meeting of the Ex. Board met at [illeg] with Mrs. Scofield in the chair. Minutes of last club meeting also of last Ex. Board meeting, read corrected and approved. Mrs. Scofield repeated the offer of Editor of Citizen to donate 1 column weekly to use of Woman's Club, provided we edit and fill same. Moved by Mrs. Rosebrook sec. by Mrs. Frisbie, offer be accepted, carried. Much discussion of the action of certain parties in felling large shade trees in the town. Some difference of opinion developed among the members of the board as to this matter. It is understood a like difference of opinion exists among the gentlemen in town.

The Club has been asked to take some action - enter a protest- if against the erection of another from Depot supposing we get a new one.

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Mrs. Sloan mentioned fact of trees in vicinity of Mr. Dudfield's Lumber Yard being destroyed, Mr. D. had not replaced according to promise. Member of board stated she thought Miss Bromlee who delivered such a very acceptable address at the State Federation "The Moral [illeg] of Children in the Public Schools" could be induced to come to Palo Alto and lecture before the Woman's Club. Much interest expressed and Sec. instructed to write parties who could give Berkeley address, ascertain terms, and other particulars, as to her movements. Mrs. Gilbert moved, band concert Com Mrs. Rosebrook, Roller, and Tyler be instructed to take charge of advertising and other matters connected with entertainment in March for benefit of Club house

lot. carried. Com so instructed by chair. Mrs. Scofield gave substance of interview with San Jose body in regard to the

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donation from us toward the reception expenses at the Van Dorne on opening night of convention. Much interest in and great hope expressed for the success of the proposed Trade School in Palo Alto. Altogether this board meeting was an unusually interesting one, the members coming together so heartily on most questions, after interesting discussion plain talk and explanations. board adjourned Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. read and approved:

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Feb 22nd 1906 Fraternity Hall

Woman's Club met in goodly number at regular meeting with Mrs. Lakin who had been so long absent on account of family illness in the chair. The Club has sent, individually, many sympathetic thoughts to our absent Pres., in her time of suspense and anxiety. After reading of minutes of both regular club meeting and board meeting and approval of same, Pres. took up regular business items which need ratification at this meeting, moved and seconded offer of 1/2 column of Citizen, for club items, be accepted, carried. Pres. took appointment of Com for this work under advisement and will announce them later. Sec. reported letter from Miss Brownlee could offer no date, as Miss B. was to leave this part of state at once. Desires to serve the club at some future date. Report from Band Concert Com given, as we have one meeting before

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March 9, it was after some discussion and suggestions, decided to make all final arrangements at that time. Mrs. Gilbert gave report for month of Jan from gymnasium showing

receipts 240.00

disbursements 231.00

Bills Payable 104.00

Dues uncollected 69.00

Deficit for Jan. 35.00

Progress on the canvas for subscriptions was reported also. Mrs. Mary Campbell, Honorary Pres. of the club being present, showed much interest in this report, asked some questions as to the connection between this fund, gymnasium fund, and the athletic fund, Mrs. Gilbert replying the only connection being, it was tho't best to attend to both matters at once, as it was the idea at the time both funds could [illeg] this may be raised without an additional canvas of the town. Mrs. Campbell caused great enthusiasm by her happy comments on the work, as undertaken by the Club

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and by the donation of \$50.00 toward the summer deficit. After a few words of sincere regret from Pres Lakin as to the misunderstanding arising from her communication urging the election of the additional delegate, Pres. Lakin introduced the speaker of the day, Mrs. Mary G. Campbell, the first Pres. of the Club.

Mrs. Campbell commented most happily on early Club days, when to be a club member was only "to be a woman, and live near enough." Spoke of the aims and the work of the early Club days, then gave a clear interesting review of a recent book which she had just read, "Reconstruction of Religious Beliefs" by Mollock [sp?]. Delegates to the state Federation rendered their report, very interesting. Current Events by Mrs. Armstrong was very good.

Proposed Market for benefit of gym. was discussed Sat. March 3rd suggested as a suitable day. Mrs. B. Parkinson, Mrs. Weishaar, and Mrs. Gilbert were appointed a com.

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to take charge of the matter.

Dept of Village Improvement requested to take charge of the matter of replacing some trees destroyed on Alma Street. Sec. Wyckoff to assist Mrs. Sloan in this matter by writing or seeing Mr. D[illeg]. Ladies desiring to contribute toward Market instructed to give their names to Mrs. Wyckoff at close of meeting. Club adjourned. Myrick & Dingley furnished music. Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. approved as read.

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Fraternity Hall March 7 1906

Club convened at usual hour. Pres. Lakin in the chair. Instrumental Solo by Miss Jessie Lakin, Reading of minutes of last meeting.

President called attention to the appointed Press Committee Mrs. Stuart of 621 Gilbert St. will edit column in Citizen, it is her wish that each member of the club should assist by furnishing such items as seem to her desirable and suitable toward filling the space allotted the Club.

President urged all members to bear in mind the Band concert, and work for its success. Also the Market on March 17 for benefit of the gymnasium. Report of Com. on trees, not much accomplished, but reported all but 8 alive and with care and culture likely to be great ornament to vicinity in which they are planted. Treasurer Weishaar reported first cost of trees something like \$50.00, money expended on care of same, each year, for at least 4 years \$20. Mrs. Frisbie presented current events. Mr Hill (C.C. Hill) read a very able paper on "Village Improvement through improvement of our Public Schools," perhaps nothing in the whole paper was more interesting than the extracts from the papers written by children, after the Art Exhibit, giving their opinions on the pictures. Prof. Hill hoped to sometime come again and we hope he may.

At conclusion of Mr. Hill's address Pres. Lakin asked Mrs. Baldwin to act as com of one from the Club to assist in selecting such pictures for the school rooms as the amount realized at Art. Ex. will purchase. Mrs. Baldwin declining to serve, at suggestion of Mrs. B. Parkinson Mrs. Sarah Scofield, Vice Pres. was selected by Pres. Lakin. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Hill. Mrs. Rosebrook asked also that the teachers use their influence with children to stop needless destruction of flowers in individual yards about town. Club adjourned Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. approved March 21.

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Executive Board March 5th 1906

Board met at residence of Pres. Lakin minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Pres. made some inquiries as to donation asked for, by San Jose Club toward reception expenses on opening night of Federation. After some discussion, moved by Mrs. Frisbie, seconded by Mrs. Parkinson board lay the matter on the table until next meeting. carried. Mrs. Rosebrook reported for com. that all arrangement for Band Concert had been completed, wished every woman in the Club to work for its success. Mrs. Gilbert reported for Committee on Market day. Present plan is to hold it March 17 in new store building corner Ramona and University Ave. President reported having secured Mrs. Stuart to edit column in Citizen. Letter read by Sec.

from Miss Brownlee after some talk President instructed Sec.

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to write for terms, and ask Miss Brownlee to arrange for a date with our Club upon coming north. Mrs. Sloan and Mrs. Wyckoff not yet having seen about trees, were asked to do so before next regular meeting of Club. Mr. Sloan having kindly attended to the pruning of the trees, a vote of thanks was tendered him. For some reason 8 of the trees in another part of street have also died, some plans for replacing them were made.

Pres. instructed Sec. to insert notice in the daily paper of Mr. Hills address on "Village Improvement through improvement in the Schools." Board decided to make this an open day, and invited all persons interested to be present. President spoke of her desire to leave some money in treasury upon retirement from office, suggested one or two more socials be given and her place at least was at our disposal for use. Sympathy of Board for Pres. expressed by Mrs. Frisbie upon hearing of recent unfavorable news from sister. Adjourned Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec.

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Fraternity Hall March 21st 1906

Club opened in usual manner, Pres. Lakin the the Chair. Minutes read and approved. Letter read from chairman of finance com. in regard to donation from our club to San Jose club toward expenses of reception at Van Dorne [sp?] during State Federation. Mrs. Parkinson moved, Sec. by Mrs. Rosebrook, we pay the amount asked for, \$7.25 and that warrant be drawn on treasury for same. carried. Pres. called for report of com. on Band Concert. Mrs. Rosebrook for Com. reported receipts 18.25 expenses \$13.25, leaving balance for Womans Club of \$5.25 , moved and seconded that com. be discharged. carried.

Treasurer Weishaar reported for Com having Market in charge \$66.50 receipts, after paying expenses balance remaining \$64.56. Moved by Mrs. Rosebrook seconded by Mrs. Sloan committee be discharged. Carried.

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The feature of the afternoon was Dr. Blodgett's lecture of the life and work and ideals of Beethoven. To anyone who had never heard Dr. Blodgett talk on the life and work of any one of the great masters of music, the afternoon address and rendition of his work, must have been a revelation. a goodly number were present. Nothing more coming up for consideration, Club adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. read & approved April 4th 06.

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Executive Board

Monday April 2nd 1906

Exeuctive Board met at Pres. Lakin's residence, for usual monthly meeting with President Lakin in the chair. Minutes of last board meeting read and approved. Letter from Civic Com. of General Federation read and discussed, Sec. instructed to write and add such facts to report sent earlier in the season as seem necessary. Blanks sent by Federated Club to be sent each Senator and Rep. turned over to Cor. Sec. to be answered. Treasurer Weishaar reported \$37.24 in General fund and \$64.56 raised for gymnasium expense. Treasurer reported having sent \$7.25 to Miss Kent [sp?] as our portion of reception ex. at Federation. President reported bill of 1.00 incurred for moving piano on afternoon of Dr. Blodgetts lecture. Mrs. Rosebrook mvoed, sec. by Mrs. Parkinson bill be paid. carried.

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moved and sec vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Hall for use of Hall for Market. Also vote of thanks to Stanford Market for 10 lbs of veal, and Mayfield Market for ham donated, carried unanimously in each case. Pres spoke briefly of her desire the Club soon give a social, communication read by Sec. from gymnasium com.

This communication excited much discussion and many suggestions from different members of the board. The committee having asked the pleasure of the board in the matter of empowering the committee to hire a director for the coming year. Mrs. Nina Parkinson moved sec. by Mrs. Frisbie, the Executive Board empower the gymnasium committee to hire a director for the coming year. The motion was lost, every member present voting nay. Further consideration of the communication resulted in a motion by Rosebrook

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sec. by Mrs. Weishaar, the executive board notify the gymnasium committee "We find ourselves unable to raise, and therefore unable to pay the rent on the gymnasium room in the Mullens Building and will therefore cease to occupy the same after the close of this school year." carried unanimously. Business of this meeting being finished. Board adjourned. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. read, amended and approved.

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Fraternity Hall April 4 1906

Regular meeting of Club convened at usual hour Pres. Lakin in the chair. After beautiful music by Miss Stuart, which was much appreciated by the Club, Pres. read communication from Political Equality Club calling attention to Memorial Services to be held on Thursday April 12th in this, Fraternity Hall, and inviting the Woman's Club to join with them in honoring the memory of Miss Susan B. Anthony who devoted her life to the cause of her fellow women. Pres. accepted for the Club. Mrs. Rosebrook presented current events. The meeting was then thrown open to consideration of the topic set apart for discussion, "The Value of Women's Clubs." Mrs. Thompson opened by reading from a paper called the Ladies Home Journal which printed sometime ago an article from the pen of Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Thompson argued that

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tho many club women considered this article beneath their notice, she felt that a man who had occupied the position that Mr. Cleveland had occupied as Pres. of U.S. was at least worthy of being listened to, even tho none, or few, agreed with the position he took.

Mrs. G. Dibble followed with a most logical effort on the Beginnings of Women's Organization tho, she preferred to treat it from the aspect of the value of these organizations to women. Mrs. Karns followed in her usual able manner on "The Village and the Club," after which Pres. invited discussion on the various aspects of the question. Mrs. Baldwin spoke in strong approval of much of Mr. Cleveland's article, feeling it her pleasure and duty to urge women to consider the home first and best, others spoke in opposition to some things in the article, Miss Clapp being, in her usual manner, able to move the assembly at her will. all together it was a very

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enjoyable afternoon, as all the afternoons are, that deal with matters touching directly on the

things concerning women, home, and her Club.

Pres announced subject of next lecture, Club adjourned after Pres. had read 2 guest cards. Mrs. C. H. Dunne [sp?] was present as guest of Mrs. C. G. Baldwin, and Dr. Florence Belknap, guest of M. E. Bell. After adjournment Mrs. H. Fletcher tendered her dues and her initiation fee thereby becoming a member of the Woman's Club. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. Read and approved.

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April 18th 1906

Owing to great shock of earthquake no meeting was held. Shock occurred at 3:13 A.M. today. Scarcely a home in Palo Alto but has suffered from its effects. Laura M. Wyckoff Sec. read and approved.

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May 2nd 1906

Club met in Presbyterian Church Earthquake having rendered Fraternity Hall unsafe. Meeting called to order by Pres. Lakin who stated owing to present conditions in town and in our homes she wished to combine as much as possible the regular meeting of the club and the meeting of Executive Board for business after reading of minutes of last club meeting also executive b'd meeting. Many communications were read from different sources relative to children and women wage earners, and legislation wished for upon these matters, some of which had already been accomplished. Treasurer Weishaar reported in the treasury all told \$84.66, \$64.00 of this belonging to gymnasium fund, proceeds of market held for this fund, leaving in general fund approximately \$20.66.

Mrs. Dibble requested a reading of Executive Board minutes, Sec. read. At request of Pres Mrs. Gilbert reported

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for gymnasium com.

Reported running expenses of gym as paid up to April 1st. Also stated the gym committee considered the club had by its recent action (in regard to discontinuing paying the rent) taken the matter out of their hands. Mrs. Scofield asked if classes were discontinued, Pres. asked if gymnasium was closed. Mrs. Baldwin stated Mr. Sloan had left town, continuing he had thought, his time being so nearly expired, that under the strain of the present condition he had better be released from further attendance. Mrs. Scofield suggested we have another meeting. Mrs. Corbert moved Sec. by Mrs. Roller "A committee be appointed to investigate the matter of the proprietorship of the Mullen Building and the possibility of canceling the lease. carried. Mrs. Dingley moved three (3) members constitute this com. Mrs. Scofield to be chairman of same. Pres. Lakin appointed Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Roller to serve with Mrs. Scofield.

Moved by Mrs. Scofield, sec by Mrs. Gilbert next meeting be a business one, carried. Mrs. Zschoke asked if action taken by ex. board in regard to further continuance in Mullen Bldg did not need ratification by club, to become legal and operative. President stated such was the case. The action of the Ex. board in all cases must be ratified by Club in order to become operative. Pres. stated Mr. Mullen had sold, tho to whom she knew not.

Election of Officers next item of business, Pres. appointed Mrs. Frisbie and Mrs. Zschoke as [illeg].

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Moved by Mrs. Rosebrook officers be elected from floor of the house. carried. Mrs. Dibble

regretted the present incumbent of the Pres. chair declined to further serve in that capacity, and nominated Mrs. Stuart for Pres. Nomination seconded by several. Mrs. Rosebrook moved nomination be closed and secretary cast the ballot, carried. Sec cast ballot and Mrs. Mary Stuart declared elected appropriate remarks from our new president, our loved vice president consenting to stand for re-election moved and sec. Mrs. Scofield be our next vice and nominations be closed. Sec cast this ballot, carried. Sec. Wyckoff declined the nomination for Sec. many ladies declining this office, after much persuasion the one first nominated was persuaded to accept the nomination and was elected Sec. cast the ballot and Mrs. Dingley became our next sec. Our valued treasurer Mrs. Weishaar was re-elected.

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The Directors elected were

Mrs. Julia R. Gilbert

Mrs. Mary H. Lakin

Mrs. [illeg] Parkinson

Mrs. Gertrude Dibble

Mrs. A. Zschoke

Mrs. E. S. Karns

Mrs. Laura M. Wyckoff

Other officers to be elected by new board of directors as provided in constitution.

Bill presented by Mrs. Lakin for postal cards 37 cts ordered paid. Some references were made to our next meeting after which Club adjourned.

Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. read and approved.

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Executive Board

Monday May 7 1906

Executive board met at residence of Mrs. Lakin members being late in arriving and many things to be considered Pres. suggested we talk over informally such matters as required no formal action which was done. Sufficient members being present, President called meeting to order and requested suggestions as to best manner of dealing with the gymnasium matter. After much talk to no purpose Pres. suggested the com. appointed by the Club to see Mr. Mullen, Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. Corbert, and Mrs. Roller be empowered by the board to notify Mr. Mullen the Club will pay no more rent. Mrs. Rosebrook moved, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, the committee be so empowered, carried. By request, sec. Wyckoff drew up notification, committee retiring, adopted the same, and read to board the following notification to be given Mr. Mullen. "We hereby inform

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you the Woman's Club will no longer pay the rent on the rooms occupied by the gymnasium."

Board also considered the feasibility of serving refreshment at the final meeting of the year. Decided to serve cakes and tea.

Adjourned.

Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec.

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Presbyterian Church May 16 1906

The Woman's Club was called to order by Pres. Lakin. The minutes of May 2nd read and approval deferred, subject to correction. A song by Prof. Roberts proved so acceptable to the Club, an hearty encore was responded to by the gentleman. Miss Upham rendered the accompaniment in her usual charming manner.

Mrs. Scofield appointed by the Pres. to ascertain proprietorship of Mullen's Bldg, liability of Woman's Club and possibility of canceling the lease reported as follows: "The committee respectfully submits to the Woman's Club, the following report; The committee was appointed to investigate the gymnasium question, as to the ownership of the building occupied by the Palo Alto gymnasium, liability of the Woman's Club.

We have ascertained that Mr. Mullen is still the owner of the building

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We, by advice, notified Mr. Mullen in writing, that the Woman's Club was unable, and would not pay any more rent toward the room occupied by the gymnasium. After due deliberation and investigation we have concluded that the Club is not legally liable for any rent, excepting what has been voted by the Club, and that anything further concerning the gymnasium question comes outside of our jurisdiction as a committee."

Mrs. William Scofield

Mrs. H. L. Corbert

Mrs. Lissie Roller

Mrs. Mary A. Lakin

Mrs. Dibble moved, sec by Mrs. B. Parkinson, report be adopted and committee discharged, carried. Pres. ruled no member speak more than twice on any one question. Sec at request of president read reply of Mr. Mullen which in effect declined to release the Club. Sec. read report of Dr. Baldwin relating to the gymnasium. The obligations outstanding, value of assets and unpaid dues. At sec. request Pres. asked Mrs. Stuart to assist in taking notes. Mrs. Eva Bell moved that the legality of the lease be first taken up, sec. by Mrs. B. Parkinson the motion prevailed. Mrs. Gilbert asked for reading of minutes pertaining to Dr. Baldwin's action in the gym matter. Sec read from notes of Oct 21 1903, also read other minutes called for. Mrs. Parkinson asked who authorized Dr. Baldwin to contract these debts. In answer Sec read from minutes of Ex Board in Oct. 1903, these minutes stating Dr. Baldwin was authorized to act for the board in seeing to

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the preliminary matters. Mrs. Gilbert suggested the gymnasium committee be considered responsible, not Dr. Baldwin personally. Mrs. Stuart thought the Club liable for expenses incurred by the committee whom it appointed, and have tacitly upheld. The question was asked what provision was made for a lapse of lease, and there seemed to be none known to those present. The Pres. spoke briefly, Mrs. Scofield gave legal aspect as she understood it from lawyers and business man. Mrs. Rosebrook stated it was important that we take action in regard to the debts.

Pres. Lakin asked sec. to read from minutes of May 17 1905. Sec read. Mrs. B. Parkinson spoke in favor of turning over the Club lot (when paid for) to pay the debt. Mrs. Dibble agreed with this sentiment. Mrs. Thompson spoke against such action, suggesting we pay some other way. Mrs. Rosebrook and Mrs. L. N. Wyckoff spoke against turning over the lot with which to pay

debt. Pres. Lakin suggested, as her plan that we get permission of those who had given money toward lot, under certain conditions, and then turn over the lot, when paid for, to the gym. committee. Opposed by many members on the ground the money for the lot was contributed for that purpose only, and we could not rightfully apply it otherwise. Mrs. Weishaar suggested we use the \$64.00 in the gymnasium fund to pay interest on the notes given the bank by the gymnasium committee. Moved by Stuart, sec. Mrs. Roller, the gymnasium com. be authorized to dispose of the gym apparatus and turn the proceeds into the treasury, carried. The general discussion continued during which tea and cake were dispensed. During this discussion, several motions

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were made and withdrawn.

Mrs. Stuart moved "It is the sense of this meeting that we are liable for the debts contracted by the gymnasium committee. Mrs. Wyckoff sec. the motion carried. Mrs. B. Parkinson moved to reconsider this motion seconded and carried. The original motion was then withdrawn. Mrs. Scofield moved "we assume this debt \$857.96. seconded by Mrs. Roller, this motion carried. Pres. becoming weary from prolonged session, asked Sec. to put the above motion, which Sec. did. Mrs. Bell moved a committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Mullen in regard to the disposal of the gymnasium room, carried. The Chair appointed on this committee Mrs. Mary Stuart, Mrs. Weishaar, and Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Wyckoff moved we adjourn to May 23. motion carried, cor. sec. to notify members Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec.

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[illeg] Meeting of the Club

Presbyterian Church May 23

Club presided over by Pres. Lakin, opened by reading of minutes of May 2nd and of May 16th. Minutes of both meetings approved after slight correction. The committee appointed May 16 reported as follows: "Your committee appointed to consult with Mr. Mullen as to disposal of the hall used for gymnasium met Mr. Mullen by appointment Saturday forenoon. He stated that negotiations for sale of the property were still pending and while he believes the property will soon pass out of his hands, yet the rent is due him until the purchase money is actually paid him. He declined to relinquish his rights by lease, but promises to do all possible toward securing a party to take the lease and relieve the Club. We recommend getting in writing from Mr Mullen permission to sublet

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or release the premises, thus putting the matter in the hands of a real estate agent.

Annette M. Allen

Minnie E. Weishaar

Mary M. Stuart - chairman

By motion of Mrs Green, seconded by Mrs. Wyckoff the report was adopted. Mrs. Scofield speaking for the previous committee feared this action would render null and void the notice given by their committee, Mrs. Stuart explained, this was simply the next step in the procedure. After considerable discussion Mrs. Upham asked that the report be read again, the chairman read report. Mrs. Scofield objected to what the committee gave as "thought" or "believed" and the committee eliminated all but statement, and recommendation as it is given in these minutes.

Mrs. Green repeated her motion for adoption of the report, the motion was carried by a

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rising vote of 16 to 2.

Mrs. Gilbert for the gymnasium committee reported efforts made to dispose of the gymnasium apparatus as follows:

[letter inserted]

May 23rd, 1906

To the Woman's Club of Palo Alto:

The Gymnasium Committee having been requested to dispose of the apparatus at as early a date as possible looked in three directions for purchasers:

the Columbia Park Boys Club

The Y. M. C. A. of San Francisco

The Manzanita Hall of Palo Alto

The leader of the Boys club being away nothing can be done in that direction at present.

The [illeg] of the Y.M.C.A. says it will be long before they will have any room for gymnasium work.

The proprietor of Manzanita Hall will take from 25.00 to 40.00 worth of the apparatus giving his note payable about Sept. 1st.

We recommend such sale and that the balance of apparatus be taken from the gymnasium and stored before June 1st.

Respectfully submitted

C. T. Baldwin

Julia A. Green committee

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Mrs. Frisbie moved the report of the Gymnasium Committee be adopted. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Tyler moved that the gymnasium committee be authorized to remove apparatus before June 1st and dispose of same. motion carried. During discussion Mrs. Stuart reported conversation the committee had with Mr. Mullen regarding portable plumbing (tubs, showers etc) which according to the lease, Mr. Mullen was to purchase for \$125.00 at expiration of lease. Mr. Mullen said, if the lease were turned over to another party he would be willing to allow the amount on rent (not in cash) provided they were not detached.

Mrs. Gilbert spoke briefly to the Club, and moved the Club reconsider the vote taken on the motion "to assume" the debt. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rosebrook, after due discussion the motion was lost, no one voting to reconsider.

Mrs. Baldwin said she thought considerable misapprehension existed, that members generally did not understand how the gymnasium committee had run the affair and perhaps supposed they had been unwarranted in their expenditures. She asked for reading of minutes of Oct. 21st 1903. Sec read these minutes which showed the Club was, at that time, given to understand the running expenses would be in the neighborhood of \$100.00 per month. Mrs. Baldwin then presented a large tabulated statement, showing total expenses to date, and the average monthly expenses to be \$95.00. The speaker felt the integrity of the gymnasium committee had been questioned, but she was assured by Mrs. Rosebrook, Scofield and others that such was not the case; that she was mistaken.

It was asked at this point a motion to appoint a committee to see Mr. Mullen would be in order.

Decided it was. Mrs. Wyckoff moved the same committee be appointed to secure desired permission from Mr. Mullen. At suggestion of president the words "with power to act" were added to the motion.

As amended, the motion carried. Treasurer asked for instructions as to paying out money in treasury there being about \$75.00 in gymnasium fund. Mrs. Gilbert stated most pressing claims were \$40.00 rent for April and \$31.00 salary due Director Sloan, and that motion at previous meeting authorizing treasurer to apply available funds on floating debt would cover this. Mrs. Gilbert also suggested it would be wise to allow notes to remain in names of the committee, for the Club, the Club to pay the interest on some. The interest is now paid on notes for \$530.00 at .07 till July 1st, the necessary money having been contributed.

Retiring President spoke feelingly of her two years of service to the Club and bespoke a hearty support for her successor Mrs. Stuart, presenting Mrs. Stuart with a large bouquet of sweet peas, their sweet perfume seeming an augury of her advent into office. Mrs. Stuart gracefully thanked the donor, Mrs. Karns, for the blossoms, and expressed the sentiment that while she hoped to serve the Club to the extent of her ability, yet she realized her path would not be always one of flowers. adjourned.

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Annual Summary

1906 to May 1907

No. of board meetings:

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Fletcher, Schofield, Friebaugh, Byxbee, Rosebrook and Shipman

Departments and Chairs

Literature: Schofield

Current Events;

Home/Household:

Art: Bushnell

Music: Connelley

Legislative: Park

Philanthropy:

Village Improvement: Thompson

Finances

\$10 for Garden Contest among school children (Apr.1, 3)

Books purchased for library (Apr.1, 3, 17)

Annual dues increase (Apr.1, 3, 17)

Fund Raising

Social proceeds \$21.10 (April 17 May 1)

Action/Event

Anti-Expectoration law in Village discussed. (Apr. 3, May 15)

Advertising meetings (May 1)

Law suit against Gym committee (May 1)

Observance of Peace Day, May 17 (Apr. 4, May 1 and 15)

Discussion of park in the city (Apr. 17, May 1)

Club president reports sending cuts of Palo Alto tree and Stanford University
and article to be published in book by State History and Landmarks
committee (May 1)

Mr. Jordan offers his hall for meetings. (May 15)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Mrs. Duncan spoke on home for neglected and abandoned children. (Apr. 3)

Dr. Wm. Briggs, Stanford, spoke on Elizabethan Literature. (Apr.17)

[incomplete--minutes missing from Sept.Oct.Nov.Dec 1906 and Jan.Feb.Mar 1907]

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Annual Summary

June 1906 to May 1907

No. of board meetings:

Board: Mmes. Greene, Soper, Vail, Weishaar, Dingley, J. Parkinson, Bradbury,
Fletcher, Schofield, Friebaugh, Byxbee, Rosebrook and Shipman

Departments and Chairs

Art/Literature: Miss Schofield

Music: Mrs. Connelley

Science/Ed: Mrs. Kitchen

Legislative: Mrs. Park

Philanthropy: Mrs. Alderton

Village Improvement: Mrs. Thompson

Finances

Bills: Aug 27 Sept. 5, 19 Oct. 3, 10 Nov 5, 7 Dec 19 Jan 16, May 1

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Fund Raising

Social - proceeds \$21.10 (April 17 May 1)

Commission on sale of properties-offer by Real Estate firms (Sept. 19 Nov. 1)

Weekly market to sell food (Aug. 27 Sept. 19 Nov. 5, 7)

Action/Event

Law suit against Gym committee (Aug 27 Oct 10 May 1)

Indian Day learning about Indian culture (Oct. 17)

Support bill for State health sanitarium (Nov. 21) Club lot. (Nov. 21)

Observance of Peace Day, May 17 (Nov. 21 Dec. 19 Apr. 4 May 1 and 15)

Need for parks (Nov 5, 7, 21 Feb. 20 Apr. 17 May 1-- Resolution on Parks Nov. 21)

Club lot (Nov. 21) City trees (Jan. 2)

Petition to State to provide free textbooks to primary grades (Nov. 21 Dec. 19 Jan. 2)

Anti-Expectoration law for Village and State (Mar. 20 Apr. 3 May 15)

Endorsed Equal Suffrage (Nov. 21 Jan. 2)

Endorsed State legislation on prison sentences (Feb. 20)

Woman candidate for School Trustee proposed (Mar. 6, 20)

Founding of YWCA described (March 20)

Club president reports sending cuts of Palo Alto tree and Stanford article to be
published in State History and Landmarks book. (May 1)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Prof. Gray spoke on "Brook Farm." (Sept. 19)

Miss Lucille Eaves spoke on "Relief Work." (Oct. 3)

Mrs. Green spoke on "Village Improvement." (Oct. 31)

Rev. Snow spoke on the "Education of the Adult Blind." (Nov. 21)

Mr. Palmer spoke on "Influence of Biological Work in Secondary Schools." (Dec. 5)

Mrs. Lakin spoke on "Woman's Place in the Home." (Dec. 19)

Mrs. Greene spoke on "Pure Food Law." (Dec. 19)

Mrs. Stuart spoke on "Dish washing machine, Ovens and Fireless Cooker." (Dec. 19)

Mr. Peixolt spoke on "The City Boy-his problem and how to solve it." (Jan. 16)

Mrs. Bird read Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" drama. (Jan. 30)

Prof. Cubberly spoke on "The Educational Problem in America."

Mrs. Elliott spoke on "Parks-Rest Places and Play Spaces." (Feb. 20)

Mrs. Stoddard spoke on "Jane Addams and Hull House." (March 20)

Mrs. Greene spoke on "The Self Supporting Young Women in Cities." (March 20)

Mrs. Duncan spoke on "Home for Neglected and Abandoned Children." (Apr. 3)

Dr. Wm. Briggs, Stanford, spoke on "Elizabethan Literature." (Apr. 17)

[Transcriber's note: Moved, Seconded, and Carried is abbreviated with m, s, & c through 3/20/1907 as appropriate. Also, [?] means that the interpretation of the handwriting is uncertain.]

Executive Board, June 4, 1906

Six members of the executive Board met at the home of President Stuart, who called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes of executive Board meeting of May 17, 1906 were read and approved.

A letter from Mrs. E. L. Karns, was read, in which she tendered her resignation both from the Board of Directors and as a member of the Club. A personal letter to Pres. Stuart was also read in which Mrs. Karns expressed sincere regret that circumstances made it necessary for her to withdraw for the present, and wishing the Club every success.

It was m & s that the resignation of Mrs. Karns be accepted and notice to that effect with regrets be sent to Mrs. Karns.

Mrs. Firebaugh was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board of Directors made by resignation of Mrs. Karns, being nominated by Mrs. Wycoff and sec. by Mrs. Gilbert.

The President announced the next business to be election of Department Chairmen, then followed some suggestions as to nominations.

Depts: For Science and Education, Mrs. Kitchen was named by Mrs. Scofield, and duly elected.

For Philanthropy, Mrs. Alderton was named by Mrs. Gilbert, and elected.

For Art and Literature, Miss Elizabeth Scofield was named by Mrs. Wycoff, and elected.

For Village Improvement, Mrs. Jennie Thompson was named by Mrs. Dibble and elected. Committees

Current Events. It was moved by Mrs. Dibble, seconded by Mrs. Wycoff, that the Club have no committee on current events the ensuing year. Carried.

Press, Mrs. Julia R. Gilbert, elected.

Social. Mrs. Armstrong was elected. It was also moved and sec. that Mrs. Gertrude Dibble be a member of the Social Committee. Carried. Music. Mrs. Roller was elected. Membership Committee. It was moved by Mrs. Gilbert, sec. by Mrs. Wycoff, that the Board elect a membership committee, whose chief duty shall be to call upon and interest newcomers in club work. Carried.

Membership Committee

Mrs. Clara Parkinson and Mrs. M. F. Shipman were elected the Membership Committee.

For Auditor. Mrs. Clara Parkinson was nominated by Mrs. Wycoff. It was moved by Mrs. Gilbert that the Sec. cast the ballot. Carried. Mrs. Parkinson was elected Auditor.

For Corresponding Secretary. Miss Louise Culver was nominated by Mrs. Wycoff. Moved and seconded that the Sec. cast the ballot. Carried. Miss Culver was duly elected Corresponding Secretary.

The Program Committee was next considered, and the President appointed Miss Sinclair, Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Fletcher to constitute that Committee, with the heads of the different departments.

Mrs. Gilbert of the Gymnasium had nothing special to report.

An informed discussion was held regarding plans for the Program for the coming year. Mrs. Scofield gave many good and interesting suggestions along the line of Literary and Historical Study.

Adjourned.

Charlotte G. Dingley
Secretary.

Executive Board

July 2, 1906

Five members of the board met at the home of Pres. Stuart. A number of subjects pertaining to club work were discussed informally, but the lack of a quorum made formal business impossible.

adjourned

Charlotte g. Dingley, Secretary.

Correction.

Mrs. Gordan was appointed to take the place of Miss Elizabeth Scofield (resigned as chairman of the department of Art and Literature).

Executive Board August 6, 1906

Four officers and two members of the Board of Directors met at the home of Pres. Stuart Aug. 6th 1906. A quorum was lacking but the need of attending to some business of the Club being urgent, Pres. Stuart decided to make whatever appointments were necessary relative to the Annual Reception Sept. 5, subject to their ratification later.

The Cong. Church was suggested as a place for holding the reception, and Mrs. Stuart was to secure the use of it from the Trustees of the Church. It was suggested that members invite guests by card. The program for the afternoon was left to Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Dibble.

Mrs. Roller's resignation from the Music Committee was received with regret and Mrs. Armstrong was appointed to take her place, combining the duties of Social and Music Committees.

Mrs. Bradford was appointed Chairman of the Serving Committee. Mrs. Weisshaar, Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. Wilbur, and Mrs. Eva Bell were appointed on the Soliciting Committee. Mrs. Geo Parkinson and Mrs. Zschokke were asked to make the punch, and Mrs. Scofield offered the use of punch bowl and glasses.

Charlotte Dingley, Secretary

Executive Board, August 27, 1906

A called meeting of the Board was held at the home of Pres. Stuart. Monday Aug. 27, '06. The minutes of the Board meeting of Aug. 6th were read and approved and appointments ratified.

This meeting being called for the purpose of talking were the Gymnasium business. Mrs. Gilbert of the Gym. Com was asked to make a report. Mrs. Gilbert reported having asked Mr. Baldwin as a member of the Gymnasium Committee, if he would go to Mr. Mullen and ask him what he intended to do, that he, Mr. Baldwin, did not care to be a party to any suits. Mrs. Mullen replied that until his lawsuit against the party who bought his building was settled, he could do nothing. At present he is merely sending a formal demand for the rent to Mr. Baldwin. If Mr. Mullen should bring suit, it would be against the people who signed the lease (Mr. Baldwin, Mrs. Gilbert, and Mrs. Zschokke) and the Club would be made a party to the suit. Mrs. Stuart thinks a definite compromise could be affected if Mr. M did sue, but he has not yet said he would take any action. Mrs. Gilbert asked how much was still owing on the itemized bill as rendered by Mr. Baldwin. It was reported by Mrs. Weisshaar that we owed

22.50 to Dr. Baldwin

7.20 Insurance

40 Rent for May

100 Note (Dr. Baldwin)

410 Note (bank)

629.70 total debt

629.70

226.00 assets

403.70 liability

It was suggest by Mrs. Stuart that Markets be held and certain articles be sold on certain days, such as one day, cakes, doughnuts and cookies, another day, salads and cold meats, and another, beans, brown bread and pies. It was also suggested a permanent place of meeting be chosen.

Adjourned. Charlotte Dingley Secretary

Executive Board Sept. 3, 1906

The Board met at the home of Mrs. Stuart. Details of the reception were discussed and final arrangements made for decorating and refreshments. Mrs. Stuart reported that the manager of the Times had offered a column a week to the Club. Mrs. Stuart as Press Committee said she was willing to undertake a column in the Times, as well as the Citizen, if different members would assist in finding items. Mrs. Zschokke moved, seconded by Mrs. Firebaugh that we accept the offer of the Times. Carried.

No further business and Board adjourned.

C. G. Dingley

Secretary

The annual Reception of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto was held Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 5th in the parlors of the Cong. Church.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with red geraniums and dusty miller, and many members of the Club and their guests were gathered to listen to the Program, both of music and reports from the officers of the year just closed.

Mrs. Stuart called the meeting to order and following her words of welcome, Miss Arnott played very charmingly a Chopin Waltz. Mrs. Wyckoff the retiring Secretary then read her report. The membership of the Club at the close of the year was 106. 20 new members admitted during the year. The Club held 17 regular meetings and one or two called meetings. Mrs. Wyckoff also spoke of the good will shown by the papers of the town, and the offer of the Citizen for a column a week, which was accepted.

Mrs. Weisshaar reported the receipts for the Club during the year.

250.61 Receipts for the Gymnasium

207.71 Expenditures for the club

195.93 ad. expenditures for Gymnasium

261.85 Making a sum total of receipts \$457.62 and no balance. Mrs. Lakin the retiring Pres. spoke briefly of the three social affairs given during the year for the benefit of the club lot, all of which proved very delightful occasions. Mr. Roberts then gave a vocal solo, "Israfel," accompanied by Miss Upham.

Mrs. Stuart spoke of the Calendar for this new year, copies of which were distributed to members and guests during the afternoon. Mrs. Stuart said that the Club had always been fortunate in being able to secure able, good-natured professional men, who were willing to lecture, and otherwise make very profitable afternoons for the ladies; but this year, a special effort had been made by the program committee to arrange days when the meetings should be in the hands of the club members, and individual work by the members should be given. There are six afternoons when the members will have charge, and it is hoped much real benefit as well as pleasure, will be derived from this plan.

As a result of the H. R. Turner Art Exhibit, sixteen to eighteen pictures were sold, ranging in price from seven to twenty-five dollars, and placed in the school rooms. Mrs. Scofield, Vice Pres. of the Club with Prof. Hill and Mrs. White, governed some by the wishes of the children, made the selection of these pictures.

Mrs. Sears sang "When the Heart is Young," and the following hour was spent socially during which time cake and punch were served, and the ladies listened to a violin solo rendered by Mr. Shiebley of Stanford University.

Charlotte G. Dingley, Secretary, approved.

Sept. 19, 1906

The Club met in the Congregational Church Parlors, Pres. Stuart in the Chair. The afternoon opened with a piano solo, Chaminade's "Autumn," by Miss Ray Stuart.

The minutes of the annual Reception were read and approved. An invitation from the Political Equality Club for their Annual Reception to be given Thursday evening Sept. 27th in the Cong. Church was read.

Mrs. Stuart said that the membership of the Club to date was ahead of what it was at the close of last year. Mrs. Stuart also spoke of the debt of \$857.00 assumed by the Club which in various ways had been reduced to \$400, and it was the plan to have Markets to endeavor to reduce it wholly.

The speaker of the afternoon, Prof. David Haney Gray of Stanford was then introduced by the Pres. Prof. Gray gave a most instructive and entertaining lecture on Brook Farm.

Following the lecture the business of arranging for a Market was taken up.

Mrs. Weisshaar moved that the Club hold a Market, Sat. Sept. 29th. Mrs. Bradford seconded this motion. Carried. It was left to the Chair to appoint the necessary Committee. The membership was increased by three at the close of the meeting. Adjourned.

Charlotte G. Dingley, Secretary

Executive Board. October 1st.

The regular meeting of the Board was held at the home of Mrs. Gordon October 1st. Secretary Pro Tem Wyckoff read the minutes of previous board meetings. those of Aug. 27 to be corrected.

It was moved by Mrs. Gilbert, seconded by Mrs. Geo. Parkinson that Mrs. Hundley be appointed chairman of the music committee. Relative to the meeting of Oct. 17 to be led by Mrs. Park, it was moved by Mrs. Gilbert, sec. by Mrs. Parkinson that notices be inserted in the papers asking that mothers be present at this meeting. Carried. Mrs. Gilbert spoke of the offers of different real estate dealers, showing their interest in the club by giving over certain pieces of property for sale, the club securing the commission.

Treasurer Weisshaar reported \$29.70 taken in, one bill not yet paid, and some money not in, \$2.00 paid in today making about \$63.04 in the treasury. Mrs. Wyckoff moved that the proceeds from the market be applied on the debt. Carried. Mrs. Gilbert moved that a bill of \$2.00 from the American Civic Association be ordered paid. Carried. Mrs. Gilbert moved, sec. by Mrs. Weisshaar that the Sec. be instructed to notify the Civic Association that we wish to terminate our subscription with the present year.

Mrs. Gilbert moved that the matter of trees on Alma St. be referred to Dept. of Village Improvement. Carried. Mrs. Thompson invited Executive Board to meet at her home Thursday to take council on Village Improvement. Some discussion as to when another market should be held. It was moved by Mrs. Gilbert sec. by Mrs. Dibble that Miss Barrett and Miss Cutler, our press representatives, be asked to join the club, their dues to be remitted. Adjourned. Mrs. Wyckoff, Sec. Pro Tem.

October Third.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held October third, the President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Announcement of program for next meeting was made by the Pres with a request that each member should bring a guest, so that as many as possible might profit by the expected paper and discussion. announcement was also made of the coming convention of the Equal Suffrage Association in San Francisco. A vocal solo, "The Pilgrim," was rendered by Mrs. Sears.

Treasurer's report showed the net receipts from the market to have been \$80.20.

A statement was made by Mrs. Gilbert to the effect that an opportunity was now at hand to release the Club from indebtedness through the sale of real estate; also that a payment of \$40.00 had been made on the note reducing the amount to \$370.00.

The talk of the afternoon was given by Miss Lucille Eaves of San Francisco, the subject being the Relief Work.

Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted
Marian P. Alderton Sec. Pro Tem.

October 17th

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Oct. 10th in the Cong. Church, Pres. Stuart in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after which the ladies enjoyed a musical selection from Miss Rose.

After the reading of communications, Mrs. Alice L. Park gave a paper on the "Necessity of Humane Education." Discussions of various aspects of this question were indulged in by many members and some visiting members, Mrs. Lakin calling attention to the work done in the schools by the teachers, and Mrs. Varney to the work of the Audubon Society.

Mrs. Gilbert m, s by Mrs. Kidder that a vote of thanks be tendered the parties who donated the use of the hall etc. for the Market. Carried.

Mrs. Gilbert for the Gymnasium committee reported that the debt incurred by the Gym. Committee and assumed by the Club, had at last been canceled through the kindness of several real estate firms, especially the Cooperative Land and Trust Co. Different real estate properties were put into the hands of Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Bradford to sell.

The full commission and a handsome bonus given by them to the Club for the purpose of liquidating this debt. Mrs. Gilbert congratulated the Club for their success in this matter, and still more on having preserved the honor of the Club by recognizing its moral responsibility in the matter of the debt.

Mrs. Gilbert then presented the following figures as being approximately correct:

The debt assumed by the Club in the Spring \$857.00, 47.00 bill remitted, leaving \$810, \$88.40 interest, \$ 848.46 to be raised. \$193.00 sale of apparatus, \$ 650.46 toward this debt was raised:

by the market	\$64.00	
Club appropriation	20.00	for April and May
raised by Mrs. Gilbert	150.46	
contributed	49.00	
Market		32.00
Cooperative Land Trust	835.00	
remaining		650.46

At the conclusion of this report, Mrs. Wyckoff moved, s, by several that a vote of thanks be tendered to Cooperative Land and Trust Co. and other real estate firms who, by placing property into the hands of ladies of the Club, generously came to the help of the Club. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. Green moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the Gym. Committee for the honorable and faithful discharge of their duty. Carried unanimously. After remarks by the Pres. calling attention to some matters of interest, the Club adjourned.

Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. Pro Tem. Approved.

October 31st

The Woman's Club met in the parlors of the Congregational Church Wed. Oct. 31st. Being the fifth Wed. and a social afternoon, no minutes were read. Pres. Stuart spoke of a notice received by her asking the members of this Club to subscribe to the Federation Bulletin. It can be had for 50 cents per year and is full of much useful information regarding Clubs, and Club doings.

A communication was also read from the Chairman of History and Land Marks of Cal. requesting that some attention be given to the Indian Question, that a day might be set aside as Indian Day, when some one interested in the question might acquaint the Club with the work done by the Indians in weaving, etc. Also the question of preserving the name of San Francisco, and sending to the History of Land Marks Association old legends of California.

Mrs. Stuart also spoke of the Ibsen Symposium to be given Oct. 7th [?] under the leadership of Mrs. Gordon.

The program of the afternoon was under the Department of Village Improvement, with Mrs. M. J. Green a leader.

Mrs. Green read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Organization." the aim of this paper and the discussion that followed was to arouse in the ladies a real interest and enthusiasm for general Village Improvement. Mrs. Green spoke of the onward march of beauty in many great cities, and the great transformation in [illeg] in New York and Manila by organized effort to beautify these cities.

The effect of such improvement in the character of the people in the matter of preserving cleanliness and beauty is very far reaching.

When the interest comes to home, business man, and club, organization of effort is bound to come and all are united in an endeavor to transform. There is the quickening of public interest and an atmosphere of thrift and satisfaction prevails. Mrs. Green closed her paper with the hope that we might help to bring in the vision of a more beautiful Palo Alto.

Members and visitors joined in the discussion that followed, and many valuable suggestions were given relative to the enthusiasm aroused by this discussion. Mrs. Green m, s, by Mrs. Bradford that November 10th be used as a yard or house cleaning day. Carried.

Mrs. Stuart spoke of the permanent meeting place for the Club, whether it would continue to use the Cong. Church or return to the Hall. An informal vote was taken, the number wishing to return to a Hall being in the majority. Tea and wafers were served, and the club adjourned.

Charlotte G. Dingley
Secretary.

Executive Board, Nov. 5th

The regular meeting of the Board was held at the home of Pres. Stuart. Mrs. Stuart called attention to the payment of the Per Capita Tax. M by Mrs. Gilbert, sec. by Mrs. Hundler, that the per capita tax be paid. Carried.

The bill for janitor's work at lunch - \$1.70 - was presented. Moved by Mrs. Gilbert, sec. by Mrs. Parkinson bill be paid. Carried.

President appointed Mrs. Clara Parkinson, door keeper for the current year.

After discussion of merits of different places of meeting, the board, on motion of Mrs. Gilbert sec. by Mrs. Parkinson, decided to recommend the Club return to Fraternity Hall. Carried.

Project of holding Market on Sat. Nov. 24 was discussed, and referred to the Club for decision. Pres. also asked to call for volunteers for the same. Moved by Mrs. Gilbert, sec. by Mrs. Wyckoff, Treasurer be instructed to pay interest on Club house lot debt. Carried. Mrs. Thompson reported for Village Improvement Committee, having districted the town for Cleaning Up Day, [illeg] to take charge of each district. Also reported on efforts toward securing park situation. Asked that the Executive Board endorse any action of theirs toward securing a park. Moved by Mrs. Gilbert, sec. by Mrs. Weisshaar. "The Executive Board endorses the action of the Improvement Committee, both past and future, in their efforts to secure park situations." Carried.

Board adjourned
Laura M. Wyckoff, Sec. Pro. Tem.

November 7th

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held November 7th in the Cong. Church parlors. The minutes of Oct. 17th and 31st were read and approved. Mrs. Frisbee moved, sec. by Mrs. Kidder that the Club adopt the recommendation by the Board that the Club return to Fraternity Hall for its meetings. Carried.

The matter of holding a Market referred by the board to the Club was discussed and it was moved by Mrs. Gilbert that the matter be laid on the table for the present. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the club approve the recommendation of the Board referring to the Village Improvement Committee viz. that "The Executive Board endorse the Action of the Improvement Committee, both past and future, in their effort to secure park situations." Carried.

Treasurer Weisshaar reported that \$10.95 interest on the club lot had been remitted by Mr. Parkinson, and also reported that Mr. Parkinson would remit the interest from now on, if the amount still due on the lot, \$62.25, be raised between now and Jan. Mrs. Weisshaar reported about \$28.00 in the Treasury.

Moved by Mrs. Gilbert, that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Parkinson. Carried.

Mrs. Thompson, chairman of the Village Improvement Committee, reported progress of work in her department, looking toward a successful "outdoor house cleaning" proposed for Sat. the 10th. Mrs. Thompson also presented the matter of public parks for the town and then read to the Club the following resolution:

"Realizing the desirability of parks and playgrounds for our town and the necessity of securing sites for the same at once, as nearly all suitable tracts of land are being subdivided and put on the market for building lots, we, the Village Improvement Committee of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, ask the Board of City Trustees, to call an election to submit to voters the proposition to issue bonds for the amount necessary to purchase such park site or sites as shall be selected."

Mrs. Gilbert moved, sec. by Mrs. B. Parkinson, that the Club as a whole endorse the petition to be presented to the Trustees. Carried.

The matter and election of delegates to the District Federation to be held in Santa Clara Dec. 4th and 5th was next taken up.

Mrs. Green and Mrs. Firebaugh were nominated. Mrs. Corbett moved that nominations be closed and Secretary cast the ballot. Carried. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Firebaugh were elected.

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Weisshaar were elected alternates. Besides these elected delegates, the Club has representation by the President; Mrs. Stuart, by Mrs. J. L. Lakin and Mrs. A. L. Park, members of the District Executive Board, and by Mrs. Frisbee, Chairman of the committee on revision of by-laws.

After the completion of business the program for the afternoon, the "Ibsen Symposium," was much enjoyed by everyone present.

Much credit is due Mrs. Gordon for her work in the preparation of the Program. Many ladies responded to her appeal, and some very able papers were presented. Two Norwegian melodies by Grieg were rendered by Miss Stuart, and a Norwegian Folk Song by Master Charles Gordon.

Club adjourned.
Charlotte Dingley
Secretary.

November 21st

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Fraternity Hall, Wed. Nov. 21st. The minutes of Nov. 7th were read and approved. Miss Edna Crane then favored the Club with a piano solo, Rondo Capriccioso by Mendelssohn.

The program for the afternoon was under the department of Philanthropy, and the Rev. Sidney B. Snow of Palo Alto, read a most interesting paper on the "Education of the Adult Blind." The content of this paper was a comparison between England, Wales, and Germany in their care of the adult blind, and in our United States; in which Mr. Snow showed England and Germany to be far ahead of our own country in their provision for the blind adult.

Mrs. Greene told of the systematic work of the Committee in dividing the town into districts, and the appointment of three ladies for each district to have a race [?] over the condition of property and yards in their own division.

The resolution regarding the park program had been presented to the Board of Trade, the Woman's Political Equality Club, and the Civic League. The Committee then presented the following recommendation:

Resolved that

"The Woman's Club of Palo Alto instruct the Village Improvement Committee to call a meeting of people to discuss park sites." Mrs. Lakin moved the report be accepted and the suggestion acted upon. Carried.

Mrs. Thompson read the names of the ladies who were to serve in each of the districts, which were as follows:

1. Mrs. Hart, Scraggs, Lynn
- 2.
3. Dr. Mosher, Mrs. Fowler, Charles
4. Mrs. Malcolm, McCarty
5. Mrs. Weisshaar, Gladston, Hardiman
6. Wyckoff, Fletcher, Tarpey
7. Gilbert, Perham
8. Sherman, Black, Wilson
9. Mrs. Earle
10. Mrs. Lakin
11. Mrs. Harlough
12. Mrs. Arnott
13. Mrs. Squire, Alden
- 14.

An appeal from the Cal. Club. of S. F. for a State Sanitarium for the Treatment and Cure of Consumption was read. Our club, one of many, was asked to approve the Bill, and it was moved by Wyckoff, sec. by Mrs. Bradford that the club approve the Bill. Carried.

Some discussion was held regarding the Market to raise the indebtedness on Club Lot, but no action was taken.

Mrs. Park spoke of Peace Sunday and the observance of it by all ministers on the 18th of December. It was moved and seconded that a volunteer committee representing the various churches of Palo Alto ask their pastors to speak on the Peace Movement. Carried.

Mrs. Park, Kidder, Adams, Pomeroy, Dingley, Lakin, Weisshaar, and Kitchen volunteered for the Unitarian, Episcopal, Baptist, Catholic, Cong., Methodist, Pres. and Christian Churches. Mrs. Bradford asked that some disposal be soon made of the Literature for the Ingleside Settlement. Mrs. Park presented a petition to the State Legislature to provide free text books for Primary Grades.

Adjourned

Charlotte Dingley
Secretary.

Dec. 5th, 1906

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held. Wed. Dec. 5th in Fraternity Hall, Vice Pres. Scofield in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The program for the afternoon was under Science and Education, and the Club was to have the pleasure of listening to Mr. Clayton F. Palmer, on the "Influence of Biological Work in the Secondary Schools." Owing to the very small number present, partly due to the convention in session at Santa Clara, Mrs. Scofield deemed it best to dismiss the meeting, and try to secure Mr. Palmer for a future date, when it is hoped a fuller representation of the Club will be present. No reports, club adjourned.

Charlotte G. Dingley
Secretary

Executive Board. Dec. 3rd

The regular meeting of the Board was held at the home of Pres. Stuart, Dec. 3rd at three o'clock. the lack of a quorum made the transaction of business impossible, and the meeting adjourned.

C. G. Dingley, Secretary.

Dec. 19th, 1906

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Fraternity Hall, Dec. 19th, 1906.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Park and a number of the Volunteer committee reported for Peace Sunday Dec. 16th, and the day was generally observed by the pastors with appropriate reference to Peace.

The Treasurer reported \$45.00 in the Treasury.

Pres. Stuart called attention to the State convention of Federated Clubs to be held in Bakersfield in Feb. and the appointment of delegates to the same on Wed. Jan 2nd.

Brief reports were given from the Santa Clara Convention by Mrs. Green, Mrs. Firebaugh, and Mrs. Stuart. The ladies were all impressed with the harmony and good will that pervaded the meetings, the number of delegates, and the general activity along the lines of village improvements and civics, gathered from reports of the delegates.

The program for the afternoon was under the department of Household Economics with Mrs. Lakin, Chairman.

Mrs. Lakin opened the program with very clever remarks regarding woman's place and duty in the home. One of the problems is how to do the things that ought to be done, and keep mental and physical poise. Her definition of the ideal woman was first a companionable wife, second a wise mother, and third a good neighbor in the broader sense. With the problem of help such a serious one, it is the duty of a woman to study household economics, and grasp everything that can be of help in simplifying our housekeeping, for the sake of our homes and family.

Mrs. Green talked on Pure Foods, and spoke of the important part the Women's Clubs have in making the Pure Food Law operative. A National Pure Food Law goes into operation in Jan. Mrs. Green gave the constituents of a number of our spices and canned vegetables, and also gave a very complete review of a book, "Chemistry of Cookery," by William's.

Mrs. Stuart read a letter from Mrs. B---[illeg] of Mountain View, telling of Stevens Dishwashing Machine and her experience in the use of it. Mrs. Lakin told of a steamer with four compartments that she uses in her cooking, successfully. Mrs. Park demonstrated the use of her Aladdin Oven, and Miss Sinclair told of her Fireless Cooker. A general discussion followed, and the meeting proved very instructive and interesting.

Adjourned. Charlotte Dingley, Secretary.

January 2, 1907

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Fraternity Hall, Jan. 2nd, 1909. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was moved by Mrs. Park, sec. by Mrs. Tyler, that the Club endorse the resolution sent out by the Cal. Equal Suffrage Association providing for an amendment to submit the question of equal suffrage to voters. The club also endorsed a petition favoring free text books for primary and grammar grades of public schools.

Mrs. Thompson of the Village Improvement Committee asked if that Committee could have money to have certain trees planted by the Club pruned. Mrs. Gilbert, sec. by Mrs. Park, moved that the Village Improvement Com. be instructed to have the trees pruned. Carried.

The program for the day was under the Art and Literature Department. Mrs. Gordon, Chairman. Mrs. Nellie Holbrook Blinn of San Francisco, read a number of selections from Macbeth and Hamlet in a very pleasing manner, and also by request gave High Noon, by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Miss Rose assisted in the program by playing selections from Grieg, Andante from Sonata no. 7, a Scherzo from Sonata in G. Minor, [illeg] and Silver Spring, by William Mason. The Club adjourned to meet. Jan. 16th.

Charlotte Dingley, Secretary.

Executive Board Jan. 7

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held at the home of Pres. Stuart., Jan. 7th. A small attendance but the following matters were carried and the Board asks their satisfaction by the Club.

I. Motion to pay \$2.05 for supplies furnished by the Philanthropy Dept. to a needy sick woman; also to pay for the transfer of a fireless cooker and Alladin's Oven for the club meeting, Dec. 19th. Motion that refreshments be served at the meeting on Jan. 30th, and the meeting be open.

Charlotte Dingley
Secretary.

January 16 1907

The regular meeting of the club was held in Fraternity Hall, Jan. 16th. In the absence of the Pres. by illness, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. L. Lakin. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Three motions carried by the Board at the Executive meeting Jan. 7th were ratified by the Club. 1st, that the club allow \$2.05 for supplies furnished by the philanthropy Dept. to a needy sick woman., 2nd, that the club allow for the transfer of a fireless cooker used in demonstration during the meeting on Household Economics. 3rd that the meeting on Jan 30th be an open one, and refreshments served.

Mrs. Lakin appointed Mrs. Weisshaar chairman of Committee on Refreshments

The matter of representation at the State Federation of Women's Clubs to be held in Bakersfield, the first week in Feb. was discussed. Mrs. Frisbee was willing and able to go as Mrs. Stuart's appointee. The club being entitled to another delegate different ladies were invited to go, but each declined, and Mrs. Park moved that the Pres be empowered to fill the vacancy in the delegation. Carried. The Call to the convention was read, and certain amendments were explained by Mrs. Park.

The club then enjoyed a piano solo, Linding's "Rustling of Spring" by Miss Jennie Lakin.

The program for the day was under the Dept. of Philanthropy and Mr. Sidney Peixotte of San Francisco gave a most interesting talk on "The City boy - his problem and how to solve it." This lecture was illustrated with lantern slides, and was most instructive and entertaining. The Club voted a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Peixote for his kindness in presenting the subject. Adjourned. Charlotte Dingley, Secretary.

Executive Board Feb. 4th

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held at the home of Mrs. Weisshaar, Mon. afternoon, Feb. 4th. Owing to the lack of a quorum no business was transacted. Charlotte G. Dingley, Secretary.

Jan 30th 1907

The meeting Jan. 30th was an open one, the program for the day being under the Department of Art and Literature, Mrs. Gordon Chairman. Many members of the Club and friends assembled to listen to the reading of Ibsen's Per Gynt Drama by Mrs. Bird, Pres. of the Adelphie Club of Alameda. The reading was interspersed by Grieg's music written for the drama, instrumental and vocal, by Mrs. Weingartner, Miss Stuart, and Mrs. Dingley. A social half hour followed the programs. Tea and cake being served. Adjourned.

Charlotte Dingley
Secretary.

Feb. 6th 1907

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Feb. 6th in Fraternity Hall. In the absence of our President, Mrs. Stuart, the Vice Pres. Mrs. Scofield presided.

The program was under the Dept. of Science and Education, and it is to be regretted that so few of the members were present to hear Prof. Cubberly's very able lecture on the Educational Problem in America. A report of this lectures was given in the papers, so a review is not

necessary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and there being no business, the club adjourned.

Charlotte Dingley
Secretary.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Feb. 20th in Fraternity Hall, Vice Pres. Scofield in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The program for the afternoon was under the Village Improvement Department. Mrs. Thompson, Chairman. Miss Thompson and Miss Coolidge favored the club with two piano duets, "Sextette" from Lucia and a "Pizzicato."

Mrs. Elliott gave a very interesting talk on Rest Places, and Play Spaces. Mrs. Elliot's remarks were full of practical suggestions, relative to the problem of civic improvement now before the town. Generally speaking, parks are of two kinds, the formal park, and civic gardening, which latter is the possible opportunity for Palo Alto. With the natural rural endowment of this town, it is possible to have many rest places under the trees with very little expense, and small open spaces converted into attractive places, with trees and seats.

Mrs. Elliott also suggested that open lots be utilized as playgrounds for neighborhood children. The necessary expense for any equipment for games and gymnasium amusement could be shared by the parents of the children interested. Such a plan would have many advantages. Public spirit is needed rather than money; when the enthusiasm is intense, the way is made possible. Some discussion followed on this subject.

Mrs. Cushing spoke of certain important measures now before the Legislature; the Indeterminate Sentence the State Board of Charities and Probation Law. After explanation of these measures, Mrs. Park moved sec. by Mrs. Greene, that the Woman's Club address an appeal to Senator Black and Mr. Spalding:

"Resolved that the Woman's Club approve the following measures now before the Legislature: 1st, The continuance of the State Board of Charities, as now in existence, II. The Indeterminate Sentence, III The Continuance of the Probation Law as it stands, with the proposed addition of payment of the officers."

Adjourned
Charlotte Dingley
Secretary.

Executive Board March 4

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held Mon. March 4th at the home of Mrs. Weisshaar. The following motions were carried, and the Board asks their ratification by the Club.

I. Motion by Mrs. Lakin, sec. by Mrs. Wyckoff, that the meeting March 20th be an open one, and that refreshments be served.

II. Motion by Mrs. Louise C. Brown, sec. by Mrs. Dibble, that Miss Dawson be made an honorary member of the Club.

III. Motion that the Club send greetings, and two dozen carnations to our President, Mrs. M. A. Stuart.

Charlotte G. Dingley, Secretary.

March 6 - 1907

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wed. afternoon March 6th in Fraternity Hall. Vice President Scofield in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after slight correction.

The Club then listened to a vocal, "Villanelle," by Mrs. Weingartner, after which the speaker of the afternoon, Mr. C. F. Palmer of the Palo Alto High School, was introduced by Mrs. Scofield.

Mr. Palmer delivered a very interesting address on "The Influence of Biological work in Secondary Schools."

The business for the day was then taken up which consisted first of the ratification by the Club of certain motions recommended by the Board.

1st. That the meeting March 20th be an open one, and that refreshments be served.

2nd that Miss Dawson, the California authoress, be made an honorary member of the Club.

3rd, That the Club send greetings and two dozen carnations to our President, Mrs. M. A. Stuart.

These motions were all ratified and the Secretary instructed to send to Miss Dawson announcement of the action of the Club in declaring her an honorary member.

Mrs. Frisbee then read her report as delegate of the State Federation of Women's Clubs held in Bakersfield. This report was most comprehensive and interesting, and deserves special mention.

Mrs. Tyler spoke of the action of the Political Equality Club in taking the initiative in presenting to the town a woman candidate for School Trustee, and asked that the Woman's Club cooperate with the Political Equality Club in this action.

Mrs. Wyckoff moved that the Woman's Club endorse the action of the Political Equality Club in presenting a woman for Trustee. Carried.

It was also moved and carried that the Club cooperate with the P. E. Club in presenting a name. Carried. Mrs. Frisbee moved that the Pres. appoint a committee of three to act with the Committee of the P. E. Club in this matter. Carried. Vice Pres. Scofield named Mrs. Gertrude Dibble, Mrs. Alderton, and Mrs. Dingley. Mrs. Park moved, sec. by Mrs. Wyckoff that this committee be given power to act.

Mrs. Park spoke of the new State Expectoration Law, and moved that a message be sent to Senator Black by the club approving of this Law. Mrs. Park also moved that the Club name a standing committee to enforce this law. Carried.

Mrs. Thompson of the Village Improvement Committee said that the Committee wished to have the Club Lot improved. No action taken on this Adjourned.

Charlotte G. Dingley, Secretary.

March 20th, 1907

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held March 20th in Fraternity Hall, Mrs. Stuart in the chair. Owing to special business, the meeting convened at 2:30 o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A report from the Committee appointed by the Club to cooperate with the Com. from the Political Equality Club for the purpose of naming a woman candidate for one of the school trustees, was asked for. Mrs. Dibble the Chairman of that Com. not being present, a very brief report was given by Mrs. Dingley to the effect that the Com. wished to have the matter fully discussed by the Club as to the advisability of naming a woman at this time. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Gilbert then moved that the nomination of a woman candidate for school trustee be postponed for one year. This motion was seconded, whereupon Mrs. Gilbert gave her reasons for the motion, chief of which was that the time was not opportune for making the contest. A number of women interested spoke for and against this motion, but it was finally carried by a standing vote of 22 to 10.

The program for the afternoon was under the Department of Philanthropy, Subject, "The Self-Supporting young women in cities," with Mrs. M. J. Greene, Chairman for the day. Mrs. Greene had made a special effort to have an interesting and helpful meeting, and was successful in the endeavor.

Miss Mary Rose played a piano solo, Waltz in E flat, Chopin, after which Mrs. Easterday of Palo Alto talked of the Working Woman's League, its work and aims in behalf of the working woman.

Mrs. J. B. Richardson of Oakland gave a history of the two organizations, the Woman's Alliance, and the Young Women's Christian Association, and the differences that had kept them from uniting in one large association, also of the interest of Miss Grace Dodge, a wealthy, philanthropic woman, in these two bodies, and her effort through the convention held at New York to have these associations united. This effort was successful and the one large association is now known as the Y. W. C. A. of U. S. A. After this talk the Club had the pleasure of listening to a piano duet by Dr. Blodgett and Miss Rose, Les Preludes by Liszt. The explanation of this Symphonic Poem by Dr. Blodgett made the demonstration of the same more enjoyable.

Mrs. Ernest Stoddard Page of the Century Club of Berkeley gave a most interesting sketch of Jane Addams, and the Hull House and the work accomplished in this social settlement.

Miss Pauline Gartzmann followed with a review of the "Long Day," a late book dealing with the problems of a working girl who goes to New York to become a wage earner.

A social half hour followed the program, during which time cake and punch were served.

Adjourned. Charlotte Dingley, Secretary.

New Book, April 3, 1907 to May 26, 1909

April 3, 1907

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wed. April 3rd, in Fraternity Hall, Mrs. Stuart in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and slight corrections noted. Miss Thompson and Miss Coulrige[?] favored the club with a piano duet [stet], Andante an [stet] Variations by Schumann.

Three recommendations made by the Executive Board were ratified by the Club.

1st. The Board endorsed the Garden Contest being conducted among the school children by a Committee of five, Mrs. Alderton chairman, and recommends the Club contribute ten dollars (\$10.00) toward the fund. Carried. 2nd. The Board recommends the Club accept Mrs. Penfield's offer of her home for a social, the date to be set by Mrs. Penfield. Carried

III. The Board recommends the purchase of the book, "The Mother of Clubs," the life of Mrs. Caroline M. Severance, the book to be presented to the public library.

The fourth recommendation was that the By-Laws be changed so as to increase the annual dues to \$2.00, the Initiation fee of one dollar to remain the same. This is to be done by amendments. A report from the Village Improvement Committee was listened to and general discussion on the subject of parks followed.

Mrs. Park of the Committee on the Expectoration Law reported that she had seen the City Trustees relative to the enforcement of the Anti-Expectoration Law. Mrs. Col. Duncan of the Volunteers of America, working on the event in the interest of the Merced [?] Ballington Booth Homes for neglected and abandoned children gave a very interesting description of her work. Mrs. Sarring [?] who accompanies Mrs. Duncan sang two songs, "Unanswered" by Browning, the other "A Little Bit of Love." Mrs. Duncan gave an opportunity for anyone to contribute money or clothing for the support of the home, and many responded. Adjourned. Mrs. Bradbury, Secretary Pro Tem.

April 17, 1907

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wed April 17th, in Fraternity Hall, Pres. Stuart in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Thompson reported for the Village Improvement Committee and asked that the Woman's Club call a citizens meeting on Sat. Evening April 20th, inviting the Board of Trade, the City Trustees, and club members to discuss the park questions. A motion to that end was made and carried and at the close of the meeting Mrs. Stuart named Mrs. Penfield, Wyckoff, and Rosebrook as committee to assist the Village Improvement Committee in arranging for said meeting. Mrs. Penfield declined to serve, and Mrs. [?] was named in her place. It was moved and seconded that the club accept Mrs. Penfield's offer of her home for a social meeting Saturday afternoon April 27th.

It was explained that the idea of this meeting was to promote sociability as well as to increase the funds of the Treasury for current summer expenses.

Mrs. Penfield having arranged for the program asked that a refreshment Committee be named to assist her. Accordingly, Mrs. Stuart at the close of the meeting named Mrs. George Parkinson, Shipman, and Alderton to arrange refreshments. Mrs. Penfield also asked that the Executive Board of the Club be present to assist in receiving guests.

Mrs. Park moved that the Chair appoint a committee of three for the local observance of peace day in the schools, May 17th. Mrs. Stuart named Mrs. Park, Mrs. Lorine A. Blinn [?], and Mrs. Annette Allen to that committee.

The election of officers falling on May 1st, Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Chair appoint a nominating committee. Carried. Mrs. Stuart named as that committee Mrs. Dibble, Lakin, and Roller.

Prof. Roberts favored the Club with a vocal solo, "Polly Oliver" arranged from an old English composition.

Dr. Wm. Briggs of Stanford University then addressed the Club on Elizabethan Literature, and the special interest it should have for students and readers of the present day.

Mrs. Park asked for an appropriation of \$1.00 for the purchase of literature suitable for peace day. Granted. It was moved and seconded that we omit the musical at the last meeting May 15th and make it a business meeting. Carried. Reports for the officers of the club will be heard on that day.

It was moved and seconded that cake and punch be served at the social afternoon May 27th.

Mrs. Penfield also asked Mrs. Lakin and Miss Upham to assist her in arranging program. A motion to amend the By Laws was read. "It is proposed to amend Section I of Article IV as follows: "Members shall pay an initiation fee of one dollar on admission to the Club, and two dollars annual fee, payable on or before the first day of January." The change is made by substituting the words two dollars for one dollar in said section. Adjourned Charlotte G. Dinghley Secretary.

Executive Board, April 1

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held April 1st at the home of Pres. Stuart. All of the members of the Board were present, and informal discussion on a number of subjects was held. The following recommendations to the club were made.

I. The Board endorsed the Garden Contest being conducted among school children by a committee of five. Mrs. Aldtin, Chairman, and recommends the Club contribute \$10 toward the fund.

II. The Board recommends the club accept Mrs. Penfield's offer of her home for a social, this date is to be set by Mrs. Penfield.

III. The Board recommends the purchase of the Book, "The Mother of Clubs," the life of Mrs. Caroline M. Severance - the book to be presented to the Public Library.

IV. The Board recommends that the By-Laws be changed so as to increase the annual dues to \$2.00, the initiation fee of \$1.00 to remain the same. (This to be done by Amendment).

Adjourned. Charlotte G. Dingley, Secretary

May 1st

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club of P.A. was held Wed. afternoon May 1st in Fraternity Hall, Pres. Stuart in the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Greene reported for the Village Improvement Committee and explained why a certain public meeting voted to be held, relative to the park question, was not held. It was not possible to arrange the details of such a meeting, owing to other public interests being considered that day.

Mrs. Greene asked that Mrs. Thompson be reimbursed \$3.50 she had expended for advertising matter for [?]. It was moved and seconded that this bill be paid. Carried.

Mrs. Park reported as to the observance of Peace Day, May 17th. Literature had been sent for and received, and the Supt. of Public Schools and Prin of Private Schools had promised proper observance in their schools.

Mrs. Stuart reported a very enjoyable time at the Social afternoon held at the residence of Mrs. Penfield and Mrs. Weisshaar reported \$21.10 proceeds from said social.

Mrs. Weisshaar moved that the matter of Amendment to By-Laws Section I. of Article IV be laid on the table. This motion was seconded and after considerable discussion was carried.

Mrs. Dibble, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that certain of the present officers were not willing to take office for another year and read the list for officers and Board of Directors, as follows. President, Mrs. M. J. Greene, Vice President Mrs. J. F. Parkinson, Sec. Mrs. Gertrude Dibble, Treas. Mrs. E. M. Weisshaar. Directors Mrs. Thomas Bradbury, C. A. Friebaugh, Mrs. J. F. Byxbee, Mrs. F. G. Rosebrook, Mrs. J. A. Shipman, Mrs. Harry Fletcher, Mrs. Wm Scofield.

Mrs. Bell moved that the report of the nominating committee be adopted, and nominations be closed. Carried.

Mrs. Lakin moved that the names of officers be taken up in order and voted on separately.

Carried. Mrs. Bell moved that Secretary cast the ballot for each officer and Board of Directors.

Carried. The Secretary then cast the ballot for each officer as read above, and the Board of Directors as a unit, and they were declared duly elected.

The matter of this Fraternity Hall being a very noisy place to hold meetings was discussed and Mrs. Bell moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate another place of meeting.

Carried. Mrs. Stuart named Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Roller, and Mrs. Lakin as that committee. There being no further business the Club adjourned. Charlotte B. Dingley, Secretary.

May 1st, [1907] Executive Board.

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held Monday afternoon May 1st. at the home of Pres. Stuart. Ten were present. An informal discussion of club work was held and section work for next year was suggested.

Mrs. Gilbert of the Gym Committee reported that Mr Mullen had begun suit against the committee for rent for gym [?] and committee had employed counsel to look out for their interests. The President reported having sent cuts of the "Palo Alto" tree and Stanford University, with short article about each for use in a book being published by the State History and Landmarks committee, and the Board approved the contributions. Adjourned. Charlotte Dingley, Secretary.

May 15th, 1907

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Fraternity Hall, Wed. May 15th. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after slight corrections. Mr. Roller favored the Club with a violin solo, "Legends" by Bohm, also [?] by Goddard, both of which were much appreciated. Miss Gasset gave two vocal selections accompanied by Miss Ray Stuart. Mrs. Berl, chairman of the Com. named to look into the securing of another Hall for a meeting place, reported as to Mr. Jordan's offer of his hall. This Hall could be secured for \$1.00 per meeting, with heat during the winter. The committee recommended that Mr. Jordans offer be accepted. Mrs. Wyckoff sec. by Mrs. Rosebrook moved that the offer be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Park -the Anti Expectoration Committee reported that after two months, there had been no apparent progress made. Favorable action by the Trustees was [?] until other important matters were settled. Mrs. Wyckoff moved that the Club instruct Mrs. Park to see the Board of Trustees, and be given power to act during the summer. Carried. A report from the Peace Day observance Committee was given to the effect that preparations were being made by the school for a proper observance of the day.

A report from the Secretary for the year was read. It was moved and seconded that this report be accepted and placed on file. Carried. The yearly report of the Treasurer Mrs. Weisshaar was read, accepted, and ordered placed on file. Mrs. Weisshaar reported a balance in the Treasury

May 15th, 1907, of \$41.68.

Mrs. M. J. Greene, Secretary of the Village Improvement Committee of Mrs. Thompson Chairman, read the annual report for that committee. This was ordered adopted, and placed on file. The retiring President, Mrs. Stuart, made appropriate remarks to the Club, and to her successor. Mrs. Greene and the new Pres. Mrs. Green spoke of the pleasure with which she accepted the Chair and of her plans and desires for the coming year. Mrs. Bell moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring officers for efficient service during the year. Carried. Adjourned. Charlotte G. Dingley, Secretary.

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Annual Summary

July 1907 to May 1908

No. of board meetings: 12

Board: Mmes. Greene, Weishaar, G. Parkinson, Bradbury, Rosebrook, Stuart,
Firebaugh and Alderton.

Departments and Chairs

Art and Literature: Bushnell

Civics: Thompson(*incl. Village Improvement*.)

Press: Stuart

Legislative: Park

Education: Hughes(*incl. music, arts & crafts, literature, French, current events*)

Finances

Payment of taxes on Club lot (Oct.7, Nov. 4, Dec. 18)

Musical at Miss Harker's admission by Club card or 25 cents (Oct. 77)

Donation for a club house for women students at Berkeley (Mar. 4, Apr. 15)

\$30 to provide a home for In a Coobrieth Fund (Oct. 16, Nov. 20)

\$60 for books for library, from Valentine sale

Treasury balance (Apr.6, May 13)

Furnishings (table,chair etc.) for high girls' restroom (Feb. 3, Mar. 4)

Fund Raising

Received \$60 from sale of History and Landmarks of California. (Dec. 4)

Autumn Festival (Sept. 18, Oct. 2, 7, Dec. 18) Profit- \$301.68

Musical at Miss Harker's school

Colonial Party (Dec. 2, Mar. 2,4, Apr. 6)

Valentine Sale (Jan. 6, Feb 3, May 4)

Musical (Apr. 6, 15, May 4)

Market held on May 23 (May 13)

Action/Event

Women's Club of San Mateo Garden fete (Sept. 18)

Support Anti-Expectoration law (see Sept. 18, Mar. 4)

Sent food and clothing to orphan's home in S.F. (Sept. 15)

Contact Political Equality Clubs (Nov. 6, 20)

Contact city's ministers asking them to preach a sermon on peace. (Nov. 20)

Agreed to school superintendent's invitation to meet with teachers (Feb. 3)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Mrs. Walton spoke on "Canton, China--Paris of the Orient" (Sept. 18)

Mr. Frederic Meyer, Berkeley, "Economic Value of Artistic Training.(Oct. 2)

Prof. Dunaway spoke on the preservation of historical material (Nov. 6)

Mrs. E. Baldwin, paper "The Playground in for Town Children." (Nov. 20, May 13)

Mrs. Coburn, Mayfield Club, "Legislation of Vital Interest to Women" (Jan. 15)

Discussion of world peace (Feb. 2)

Mrs. Greene spoke on the school charter movement. She "urged all women to inform themselves before the issue should be submitted to the voters so as to influence as many voters as possible." (Feb. 19)

Discussion of boys who smoke (Apr. 3)

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[1907-08]

First official meeting of new Board of Directors was held June 3rd at Mrs. Weisshaar's. The first business was the consideration of an Art Department in the Club. It was moved by Mrs. Rosebrook and seconded by Mrs. Weisshaar that our Art Dept. be adopted. Carried. Also moved and carried that Mrs. Edith Bushnell be appointed Head of that Dept. Moved and carried that Education be taken for general name of Dept. to include to include following sections: Sec 1st Music, Sec. 2nd Arts and Crafts, Sec. 3rd Literature. Sec 4, French, Sec. 5th Current Events. Moved and Carried that Dept. of Village Improvement be changed to Civics Dept. The Chairman Of Sections were then appointed as follows: French Section Mrs. Varney; Literature; Mrs. Scofield; Arts and Crafts Mrs. Gilbert, Music Miss Stuart, to select her own committee; Current Events Mrs. Dibble. Mrs. Thompson was made head of the Dept. of Civics. The following chairmen of committees were appointed. Membership Mrs. Bradbury, Social, Mrs. Lakin, Decoration, Mrs. Soper - her assistants to be [?] Belknap, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Wale, Mrs. R. B. Bell, Mrs. Varian, Mrs. Newsom. Legislative Com. Mrs. Park, to select her own assistants [sic] Moved and carried that Mrs. Stuart be Cor. Sec'y. Mrs. George Parkinson was elected auditor by ballot. Motion carried that Mrs. Stuart constitute Press Com. Miss Hughes was elected Supt. of General Dept. of Education. Moved and carried that meeting be called June eighteenth in interest of Music Section. program to be in charge of Mrs. Mariner Campbell of San Francisco. Adjourned. G. S./ Dibble, Sec'y.

July 1st - 1907.

Ex. Board met at 2:30 at home of Mrs. Stuart, Pres. , Mrs. Greene presiding. Minutes of June 3rd were read corrected and approved. Mrs. Stuart asked to be relieved of press work, and Mrs. Rosebrook agreed to assist for one month by supplying col. for the Times-Palo Altan. The Pres. reported the successful formation of the literature section at the home of Mrs. Scofield, Chairman. Music section had met Sat. afternoon, and a second meeting had been called for July 2nd. Mrs. Thompson of Civics Dept. reported as her assistants Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. McKinney.

The President reported amount of expense for musical evening, June 18th (expenses of Mrs. Campbell and assistants and her church, \$24.10.) Toward this Mrs. Greene had collected and contributed \$7.00, leaving a balance of \$17.10. Moved by Mrs. Rosebrook that this bill be paid. Carried.

A "colonial evening" for an entertainment in the fall was discussed. Motion of approval of such entertainment was carried, details to be left to Program Com.

Mrs. Bradbury Ch. Membership Com. reported on work of Com. also on proposed pledge and blank for new members. Manner of inviting to annual reception was discussed; no action taken.

Treasurer reported sum of \$3.85 interest due at Bank. Motion made and carried that Treasurer be authorized to pay same. Motion made to pay bill for \$1.50 for postage and printing on same. total \$3.35. Carried.

Mrs. Alderton proposed plan for a garden exhibit or Harvest Festival to be given in fall, consisting of displays of fruit, flowers, vegetables, bread, cakes, and jellies, [?] open to adults as competitors. Time proposed some Sat. afternoon and evening in Oct. under auspices of Woman's Club. Motion made and seconded that Board endorse this idea. Carried. Motion made and seconded that special meeting of Club be called for Wed. July 10th at 3 p.m. at Cong. church parlors to discuss this entertainment. Carried.

G. S. Dibble, Sec'y.

July 10th 1907, Special meeting of Club called to order in parlors of Cong. Church at 3 p.m. Mrs. Greene presiding. Pres. presented pledge of membership adopted by Calif Club and asked for comments. A motion was made and seconded that the Club adopt this pledge. Carried. Moved and seconded that the blank for membership com. be adopted by the Club. Carried. Pres. announced the purpose of the meeting - the consideration of the proposed Autumn Festival the plans of which she outlined briefly. A motion was made by Mrs. Wyckoff seconded by Mrs. Kidder that such Festival be held. Discussion followed. The Pres. asked Mrs. Alderton, the originator of the plan, to present her ideas to the Club. After which the Pres. put the question and the motion made by Mrs. Wyckoff carried. Discussion of committees for such festival followed, appointment of same being postponed.

Pres. gave statement as to work of different sections. Mrs. Scofield Ch. Literature section outlined work of this section. Meeting adjourned.

G. S. Dibble, Sec'y.

Aug. 5th 1907.

Executive Board met at Mrs. Weisshaar's, Mrs. Greene presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Firebaugh presented her resignation as director. Moved and seconded that this be accepted.

Mrs. Stuart wished to be relieved from press work. Moved and Seconded that Mrs. Eva Bell be appointed to act in her stead. Moved and seconded that Mrs. Corbert be appointed Supt. of press comm. for the Citizen forum month.

Mrs. Bushnell reported that Art Sec. was progressing under her direction. Mr. Frederic Meyer of San Francisco had written to her that he would be pleased to entertain the Club on Oct. 2nd. Mrs. Percy willing to assist. An Arts and Crafts Exhibition for Dec. 4th was discussed. It was voted that arrangements for same be left to Mrs. Bushnell. Mrs. Thompson reported for the Civic Dept. She had written to Mrs. Ark of the Calif. Club in S. F. asking for information about playgrounds, but had so far received no answer. It was moved by Mrs. Shipman, sec. by Mrs. Weisshaar that the proposed pledge to be taken by new members should be dropped. Carried. Moved by Mrs. Weisshaar, secy by Mrs. Fletcher that the Membership Blank be adopted. Carried.

Mrs. Greene reported receiving a letter from Miss Julia Ruggles of Los Angeles who gives interpretations of Shakespeare, stating that she believed it would be an advantage for the Club to arrange for an evening's entertainment by her. It was moved and carried that this be left to the program Com. for further consideration. Mrs. Fletcher was appointed to see that all the teachers and ministers' wives of Palo Alto received invitation cards to the Club reception in Sept.

Moved and sec. that Mrs. Weisshaar be detailed to attend to the printing of the cards of invitation for said reception. Board then adjourned.
Gertrude S. Dibble. Sec'y.

Executive Board met Sept. 2nd at Mrs. Weisshaar's, Mrs. Greene presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Greene spoke with reference to an entertainment being given by Miss Julia Ruggles, Shakespeare interpreter, from whom she had received a letter.

There was discussion of same, but no action taken.

Mrs. Greene reported on prospective fair. Moved by Mrs. Shipman seconded by Mrs. Weisshaar that Mrs. Alderton be elected to take the place as director of Mrs. Firebaugh who had resigned. Carried. Mrs. Varney reported concerning formation of French section. Adjourned.

Sept. 4th 1907 the Club held its annual reception to members and guests at Jordan's Hall.

Sept. 18th, 1907. Woman's Club held its first regular meeting of the year at Jordan's Hall, President Mrs. Greene in the chair. The meeting was opened by quotations from members present from California authors, nearly all responding. The President reported on places and times of the various committee meetings for the coming Autumn Festival, also on the preparation of costumes for the same. A condensed report of the Executive Board meetings through the summer was then given by the Sec'y.

Mrs. Park of the Legislative Com. next reported on the enforcement of the Anti-Expectoration Law in Palo Alto, stating that an improvement was noticeable in conditions as a result of the effort at enforcement. Moved by Mrs. Rosebrook seconded by Mrs. Thompson that this report be accepted, carried. Mrs. Rosebrook and Mrs. Thompson expressed belief that this committee should be continued. This was moved, seconded, and carried.

Letters were read by the Sec'y one from an aeronaut desiring to give ascensions at the coming Festival. Moved and carried that this letter be turned over to the gentlemen having in charge the street entertainment of the Autumn Festival.

An invitation was read from the Woman's Club of San Mateo to the Club to attend a garden fete to be given by them.

Mrs. Soper then spoke with reference to the sending of canned fruit and also clothing to the Orphans' Home supported by the Volunteers of America in San Francisco. She urged the ladies to contribute these articles especially fruit, as they were much needed. Donations of fruit to be sent at her house, clothing to be sent to the house of Mrs. Thompson on Waverley St.

The Pres. then read the names of the new members of the Club, after which the lecturer of the afternoon, Mrs. Walton, was introduced, who talked on the city of Canton in China. She characterized it as the Paris of the Orient, giving a vivid description of the diversified life and sights of that city.

After the lecture the Club adjourned.

Gertrude S. Dibble

Sec'y

Approved.

Oct. 2nd the Club held its regular meeting at Jordan's Hall, Mrs. Greene presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and correction made by Mrs. Thompson in regard to contributions of clothing for the Volunteers Orphan's Home in San Francisco. Mrs. Gilbert then gave a report in regard to the work of the Needle Work Guild. The next business was the nomination of

delegates to the District Convention at Napa to be held within the month. the delegates nominated were Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Shipman alternates, Mrs. Bradbury and Mrs. Weisshaar. The President spoke with reference to the payment of Club dues, requesting prompt payment. The lecture of the day, Mr. Frederic W. Meyer of Berkeley, then talked to the Club upon the Economic Value of an Art Training. The main ideas he set forth in the lecture were: That broad artistic training must be based upon thorough knowledge of all the arts; painting, sculpture, and architecture, and besides upon sound knowledge of many industrial and mechanical arts and of scientific principles. He urged an appreciation of simplicity and sincerity in objects of art rather than meaningless decoration. He illustrated frequently and entertainingly from his own personal experiences.

After the lecture the report of Mrs. Alderton, Chairman of Festival Committee was read. Moved by Mrs. Tyler, seconded by Mrs. Kidder, that this report be adopted but the Committee still retained. Carried. The Pres. then read the financial report of the Festival to date, and Mrs. Karns gave report of Home Delicacy Booth. There was then a discussion as to the hour for the next meeting, there being some difference of opinion as to the convenience of meeting at as early an hour as two-thirty.

Mrs. Wyckoff moved that business meetings preliminary to the regular Club meetings be held at half-past two, and this motion carried. the meeting then adjourned.

Gertrude S. Dibble, Sec'y

Approved.

Oct. 7th 1907. The Executive Board met at Mrs. Weisshaar's Mrs. Greene presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Next a letter was read from Mrs. Huff. Dist. Fed. Pres. with reference to subject for her talk at the coming meeting of the Palo Alto Club. Discussion of same but no action. The question of admission of guests by card to the musical to be given by the Club at Miss Harker's school was then discussed. It was moved and seconded that guests be admitted on guest card or by payment of twenty-five cents.

A letter was read from Mrs. Kate A. Buckley of Berkeley as to contributions (asked from W. Clubs of the state) for a Club House for young women students at Berkeley. The matter was referred to the Club for consideration. Mrs. Gilbert reported that case against Gymnasium Board of Directors had been called for Nov. 14th. Information was asked for . The question of payment of Club lot was discussed. Moved and seconded that final payment on Club lot be deferred for the present. Carried. Moved and seconded that membership Com. be instructed to assist Treasurer in collection of dues. Carried.

Moved and carried that bill be paid Mrs. Bradbury for blank book necessary to work of membership com. The Pres. then gave her report of Autumn Festival to date. Moved and seconded that this report and also that of Mrs. Alderton Ch of general Festival Com. be placed on file with the official papers of the Club Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Bradbury that the proceeds form the Autumn Festival be deposited in the Bank as the Autumn Festival Fund of the Woman's Club, the trustees of the same to be Mrs. E. G. Gree, Mrs. H.A. Alderton, and Mr. George Parkinson. After discussion this was carried.

Gertrude S. Dibble, Sec'y.

Approved.

Oct. 16th Club held regular meeting in Jordan's Hall.

In the absence of the President Mrs. Greene, Vice Pres. Mrs. J. F. Parkinson presided. Minutes of the previous Club meeting and of the Oct. Board meeting were read and approved. Mrs.

Shipman, delegate elect to Dist. Convention at Napa reported that she would be unable to go, which necessitated the election of a substitute. Alternate Mrs. Bradbury was elected to Mrs. Shipman's place, and Mrs. J. C. Varian was elected alternate in Mrs. Bradbury's place. Letters were then read; one from Mrs. Huff, Dist. Fed. Pres. with regard to the coming meeting at Napa, and one from Mrs. Kate A. Buckley of Berkeley asking for contributions to Club House for young women students at Berkeley. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Shipman be appointed a Com. to receive subscriptions for this purpose. Carried. Mrs. Shipman asked for assistance. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Bradford be appointed to assist Mrs. Shipman. Carried. Mrs. Park called attention to sale of book - History and Land Marks- prepared by Calif. Club. It was moved and seconded that the Lit. Sec. take charge of the sale of the book. Carried. Pres. asked for action with regard to provision of busses to convey ladies to musical at Miss Harker's on the 30th. Moved and seconded that Mrs. Pomeroy be appointed a Com. to secure such transportation. Mrs. Thompson announced an address by Mrs. Bidwell at Cong. Church on the following Monday concerning reservation of land for Indians. Mrs. Scofield spoke with reference to the fund being raised to help provide a home for Ina Coolbrith, and of the desirability of having Mr. George Wharton Janis [?] come to Palo Alto to lecture as he was giving his services for this purpose. A piano solo was then given by Miss Robinson of Berkeley. Mrs. Huff, Dist. Fed. Pres. who was to have been present, was unable to come on account of illness and her paper was read by Mrs. Sapir of the P. A. Club. It was an earnest expression of the benefit to women who attended Club gatherings of the broadening and inspiring effects of such meetings and an appeal to the Club members to attend the coming gathering at Napa. There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.
Gertrude S. Dibble,
Sec'y.

Oct. 30th. Club members and guests attended musical given by music Section of the Club at Miss Harker's School.

Nov. 4th Ex. Board met at Mrs. Weisshaar's, Mrs. Greene presiding. Minutes of previous Board meeting read and approved. It was moved and seconded that Treasurer be authorized to pay taxes on Club lot. Carried. A letter was read from Boston with regard to the Federation Bulletin, the official organ of the National Federation of Women's Clubs. It was moved and seconded that \$1.00 be sent from the Club treasury to obtain 25 sample copies of the Bulletin. Carried. It was moved by Mrs. Shipman that the Club be recommended to amend the By Laws so that five members of the Board contribute a quorum instead of six as at present. Notice of this amendment to be given at next Club meeting, to be acted upon two weeks later. Carried. Moved and carried that Pres. have power to appoint a chairman of a com. to take charge of colonial party. Adjourned. Gertrude S. Dibble, Sec'y.
approved.

Nov. 6th Club held regular meeting. Mrs. Greene presiding. Minutes of previous meeting corrected and approved. Minutes of Nov. Board meeting read. Pres. called for corrections. Minutes approved. Pres. announced program of next meeting of Art Section and asked for some report of French section from Mrs. Corbert, which was given. Mrs. Connelly gave report of concert at Miss Harker's school, also of work of music section. Carried. Notice of meeting of Current Events section on following Monday evening at Mrs. Corbert's was given. Pres. called for vote of thanks to Miss Harker for courtesy of invitation to the Club to hold a musical at her school This was given.

Mrs. Park gave a brief report of the Dist. Fed. meeting at Napa. This was supplemented by the Pres. Mrs. Bradford gave a report of History and Landmark Div. of Literature Sec. Mrs. Bradbury, Ch Memb. Com. reported six new members. Mrs. Gilbert presented to the Club the offer of a local contractor to deposit earth on Club lot. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that Club defer filling of Club lot until time of building on lot. Carried.

Mrs. Gilbert made announcement that articles collected by the Needlework Guild would be placed on exhibition some time this month, time and place to be announced in papers. Announcement was made of next meeting of Political Equality club, at which Miss Howe of San Jose would give an address on Wage Earning Women. Two musical numbers were then given, a piano duet by Miss Arnott and Miss Ray Stuart, and a violin solo by Mr. Arthur Roller.

The Club then listened to a short address by Prof. Duniway of the Dept of History of Stanford University on the preservation of historical material, explaining the need that everyone should take care in saving material of all kinds that might be of historical significance, but especially printed and written matter that might in future time be of use to historian or of historical value in any way, also urging the duty of putting such material in libraries and other institutions where it will be properly preserved.

After the lecture there being no further business the Club adjourned.

Gertrude S. Dibble, Sec'y.

Approved.

Nov. 20th Club met in Jordan's Hall. Mrs. Greene presiding. Business meeting opened at 2:30. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. The first business was the consideration of the proposed amendment to the By Laws changing the number required for a quorum at the Executive Board meetings. The original motion as made by Mrs. Shipman at a meeting of the Board Nov. 4th was that the By Laws be amended to make five members a quorum for the transaction of business instead of six as provided in the original By Laws. Mrs. Park moved to amend the amendment by requiring that three of the five be the President, Treasurer, and Recording Sec. This amendment to the original amendment was voted. Mrs. Park then moved to reconsider her amendment and to change the wording of it to read as an addition to the original By Law that five members of the Ex. Board may constitute a quorum provided that three of the five be the President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. This was carried.

Mrs. Bradford next gave a report of the lecture by Mr. George Wharton James, stating that \$30.00 would be the amount sent to the Ina Coolbrith fund. This report was accepted. Mrs. Bradford moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Angell for donation of use of [?] House for Mr. James' lecture. Carried.

Mrs. Park moved a rising vote of thanks to Mr. James. This was given. Mrs. Park gave a report of books left for sale by Mr. James for the Ina Coolbrith fund and moved that the Club buy one of Mr. James' own books and present it to the town library. Carried. Mrs. Park moved that a committee consisting of one representative from each church volunteer to ask the respective ministers of the town to preach a Peace sermon sometime in the month of December. Carried. The following ladies volunteered to act as that Com: Mrs. Rogers, Looney, Adams, Osborn, Bradbury, Miss Hughes, and Mrs. Park.

It was moved by Mrs. Wyckoff that the Pres. and Civil Sec. be appointed to represent the Club at a called meeting of citizens on the coming Friday evening for the purpose of discussing municipal affairs. Carried.

After a piano solo by Miss Ray Stuart, Mrs. E. L Baldwin, Chairman of PlayGrounds Com. of Calif. Club of S. F. read a paper upon the subject of Playgrounds for Town Children. The paper was a comprehensive one, abundantly suggestive and instructive. After the lecture the Club

adjourned. Gertrude S. Dibble, Sec'y Approved.

Dec. 2nd Ex. Board met at Mrs. Weisshaar's , Mrs. Greene presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The Pres. spoke with reference to the Colonial Party to be given by the Club as an entertainment in Feb. A letter was read from Madame [Fojetti?] of the Calif. Club of S. F. describing a Colonial Party given in the city. The Chair asked for a motion upon meeting the expenses of such entertainment. Moved by Mrs. Alderton that each member of the Club be expected to pay for one or more guests. Voted down. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that expenses of the party be paid from the Club Treasury. Carried.

Mrs. Schofield moved that we invite Prof. Clark of Stanford to address the Club at the next meeting and that the lecture by Miss Percy of Oakland be deferred until some time in February, probably Fe. 5th. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the Pres. and Mrs. Alderton be appointed a Committee to prepare resolutions upon the death of Mrs. Kitchen. Carried.

The Recording Sec'y handed in her resignation of the office to take effect as soon as another person can take her place. Her resignation was accepted by the Board and Mrs. Walton elected to fill the office.

The President gave her report of the Autumn Festival to date. Meeting then adjourned.

Gertrude S. Dibble, Sec'y. Ratified by the Club.

[Three separate sheets folded into book, Report of Finance Committee, of the Woman's Club Autumn Festival, held in the Skating Rink, September 27-28, 1907.

Summary - Receipts were for admission, entrance for exhibits, ice cream booth, candy, lemonade, tamales and coffee booth, home delicacies, needlework, palmistry, flowers, pumpkin, lemons and cake, burlap and silkoline, lumber, donations to coffee booth, other donations listed, The general committee paid rent of skating rink, music by Boy's Band, advertising, extra lights in ring. Expenses were for decoration, furnishing, and supplies, booth expenses, service, transfer, printing, Other detail excluded from this transcription. Total receipts \$612.40, expenditures, \$ 310.78, Balance in Festival Fund \$301.68.]

Dec. 4th. the Club met in Jordan's Hall, Mrs. Greene presiding. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Minutes of Dec. Board meeting were read and ratified. Letters were then read: one an invitation from the Santa Clara county Historical Society inviting the Club to be present at the ceremonies commemorating the Original Founding of the Mission Santa Clara at the second site of the Mission on the nineteenth of November 1907; one from Mrs. Bidwell of Chico thanking the Club for courtesies extended to her at the time of her lecture here; and one from the Mayfield Woman's Club inviting representatives from this Club to attend their annual reception.

Mrs. Frisbie, Ch of Social Com. made an announcement with reference to the New Year's reception to gentlemen. A letter was read from Madame [Tojetti] of the Calif. Club giving a description of a Colonial party given in the city. The president called for motion that the Play House be engaged for the Colonial entertainment. Motion made by Mrs. Pomeroy. Carried. A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Duncan of the Children's Home of the U of A in S. F. for box of fruit sent to the Home from members of this Club. Some one was asked to volunteer to speak to those ministers not included in list already spoken to with reference to a Peace sermon. Mrs. Wyckoff volunteered to do this. The Pres. spoke with reference to sale of book on the History and Landmarks of Calif.

Resolutions prepared by the Com. upon the death of Mrs. Agnes B. Kitchen were read, accepted,

and ordered [illeg?] upon the minutes of the Club. The Pres. called attention to the next Club meeting-to be a Whittier Day- in charge of Mrs. Corbert.

Mrs. Park reported concerning sale of books for Ina Coolbrith fund and announced proceeds from lecture and sale to \$60.00.

After a piano duet by Miss Ray Stuart and Mrs. Weingartner and a song by Mrs. Armstrong, Prof. A. B. Clark of the Art Dept. of Stanford University gave a talk upon the relation of Art to life, urging that we should study to make our surroundings both an expression and a help to our spiritual and emotional natures.

After the lecture, there being no further business, the Club adjourned.

Gertrude S. Dibble, Sec'y Approved.

Dec. 11, 1907

A business meeting of the Woman's Club was called to order the president Mrs. Greene presiding. a Quorum being present the business was introduced by a motion from Mrs. Gilbert seconded by Mrs. Perry.

Resolved that the proposition made by Mr. Chills on behalf of the Cooperative Land Co. be a satisfactory one the Woman's Club accept his offer. At the request of the president a free discussion followed but no consensus of opinion being arrived at a motion was made by Mrs. Rosebrook and seconded by Mrs. Wykoff that the question be laid upon the table till the next regular meeting of the Club Dec. 18th.

Mrs Frisbie reported progress with the work of the New Years Reception Comma. and Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Pomeroy and Mrs. Wieshaar were added to the reception com. Meeting stood adjourned. Marie L. Walton Sec.

Dec. 18, 1907

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was called to order, the president Mrs. Greene presiding. A communication from Mrs. Dave Coolidge was placed on file. On motion made and seconded it was ordered that one dollar (\$1.00) be paid to Mrs. Cushing for Charity Magazine Subscription.

Mrs. Weishaar presented communication with regard to club lot debt and it was moved and seconded that the interest on the debt be paid.

A bill for music contracted by the music section was ordered paid. The New Years reception committee reported progress.

There being no further business the current events section under the direction of Mrs. Corbert presented the following program:

I. Hymn

Our Friend Our Brother and Our Lord.

By audience

II Violin Solo (a) Madrigal (b) Mots perpetuo" Bohm, Archie Stewart

III Quotations

Mrs. Dibble, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Vail, Mrs. Soper

IV Vocal Solo " A [Matin?] Lullaby" De Koven, Miss Louise Bell

V. Reading Mrs. Josephine Rogers

VI Piano Solo a) Toccata BY Chaminade Charles Gordon

VII Address Rev. Dr. Snow

VIII Informal Talk Joel Bean

IX Hymn 211 Sometimes gleams upon our Sight Audience

Motion for adjournment made and seconded
Marie L. Walton, Sec.

Jan. 6th 1908, the Ex. Board of the Woman's Club met at 651 Gilman St. at 2:30 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Greene in the chair. The resignation of Mrs. Walton as Sec. was read and accepted with regrets.

The resignation of Miss Ray Stuart Ch of Music Com. was read and accepted. Miss Valanes Arnott was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Shipman resigned as Treasurer of the fund for the young women students of Berkeley. Bill presented by Mrs. Park for forty-five (45) cents expressage on books was ordered paid.

Two bills for printing, one of two (\$2.00) dollars for printing postal cards for special meeting, and one of nine dollars (\$9.00) for printing year books were ordered paid.

The board decided to make an effort to collect suitable literature for children to be sent to Mrs. Dan Coolidge of Berkeley at her request.

A communication was read from the Principal of the Public Schools suggesting that a joint meeting of Mothers and Teachers would be very helpful in the schools. It was decided to try to secure from the School Trustees the privilege of holding such a meeting, the place to be designated later.

Discussion of arrangements for Valentine Sale and final details of Colonial Party on Feb. 22nd took up the remainder of the time, after which, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Gertrude S. Dibble, Acting Sec'y, per M. F. Rosebrook, Sec. pro tem
Ratified Feb. 19.

Jan. 15th, the regular meeting of the Club was held in Jordan's Hall, Mrs. Greene presiding. The Pres. announced the resignation of Miss Stuart, Ch of Music Com. and asked that appointment of Miss Arnott for that office by the Ex. Board be confirmed. This was moved and carried.

The Pres. reported communication from the Principal of the Public Schools suggesting that joint meetings of Mothers and Teachers would be helpful to the Schools, and called for a motion upon the same. Mrs. Schofield moved that the Club accept with thanks the permission of the School Trustees to hold Mothers' and Teachers' meetings in the Public School buildings. Carried.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. Thompson of the Civic com. then gave report of four objects for which the Com. had been working. A system of town parks; the issue of the town bonds in small sums so that more small investors could buy them; appointment by Health Board of inspector of stables; and the appointment of women on the Park Board.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Park, Ch of Legislative Com. A violin solo was given by Miss Campbell, after which Mrs. Coburn, Pres of the Mayfield Women's Club, gave a talk on the subject--Legislation of Vital Interest to Women.

The topics of the lecture were:

Laws relating to Education (of Women)

" " " Labor

" " " Marriage.

The lecture was an unusually thoughtful and reasonable presentation of the subject.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the ladies who had entertained the Club. The President spoke with reference to next meeting at which Mrs. Knox of San Jose would speak. The meeting then

adjourned.

Gertrude S. Dibble, Acting Sec'y. Approved. Feb. 189th.

Jan. 29th an open meeting of the Club was held in Jordan's Hall at which Mrs. Knox of San Jose gave an interesting account of her acquaintance with and work as an individual among the Chinese.

Gertrude S. Dibble, Acting Sec'y
Approved, Feby 19.

Feb. 3rd 1908

The Ex. Board of the Woman's Club met at 651 Gilman St. at 2:30 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Greene in the Chair.

Resolutions of sympathy were written and ordered sent to Mrs. Wyckoff, and to the family of Mrs. Cook.

The office of secretary being vacant, Mrs. S. K. Bradford was elected to fill the vacancy.

Final arrangements were made for the Valentine sale.

The Pres. asked that as many of the Club members as could meet with the teachers of the Public Schools the next day at the appointed hour.

Mrs. Bradford was notified of her election by telephone and called to the meeting before its close to assume office. Those present were Mesdames Greene, Thompson, Miss [?], Rosebrook, Byxby, Alderton, Bradbury and Bradford. Per M. F. Rosebrook meeting adjourned. Sec'y Pro tem. Gertrude S. Dibble, Acting Sec'y approved March 2nd.

Feb. 3rd 1908

The Ex. Board of the Woman's Club met at 651 Gilman St. at

Palo Alto Calif. Feb'y 19, 1908

[The following was written in the margin.] [Club meeting: 20 members present when meeting was called to order. Minutes club Jan 15 and 29, Board Jan'y 6 - Feby 3rd read and acted upon. 70 present for business. High school asked for Girls Rest Room to be furnished. Com. appointed to investigate. Report for Valentine Bazaar. Charter Movement. Mrs. Gilbert's report on same.]

The Palo Alto Woman's Club met at Jordans Hall at 2:30 p.m. on above date and was called to order by the Pres. Mrs. E. G. Greene with the following members present: Mesdames Scofield, Thompson, C. G. Brown, Weisshaar, Rosebrook, Vail, Osborne, Allen, Gordon, Tyler, [Frisbie?] Varian, Kidder, Byxbee, Layec, Gilbert, Corbert, Bradford, and Miss Hughes. Minutes of Club meetings of January 15 and 29th were read and approved after a slight correction was made in the former. Ex. Board meetings of Jan'y 6th and Feb'y 3rd were read and ratified. During the reading of the several minutes the ladies came in so rapidly that it was impossible to record all their names but at least 70 persons were present.

Mrs. Greene stated that Miss R. Greene of the High School faculty had requested the Club to provide furnishings for a Girls Rest Room in the High School building as it had done some four or five years ago. Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Vail seconded motion that Pres. appoint a com to investigate and report at next meeting as to articles desired. app and carried. Pres. appointed Mrs. Gilbert. Miss Folsom and Miss Redding. Mrs. H. Fletcher, chairman, gave detailed report of Valentine Bazaar in which about \$60.00 had been realized for the use of Art Sec. to purchase books for Public Library. Mrs. Thompson moved Mrs. Scofield 2nd that the report be accepted and placed in file. carried. Mrs. Bradbury and Mrs. Rosebrook asked that a vote of thanks be

given Mrs. Fletcher for her remarkably successful undertaking and also the pupils of Palo Alto and Mt. View schools and to all who had contributed to make it a success which {?].

The Pres. spoke of the Charter Movement was was being much discussed in the press and called upon Mrs. Gilbert [?] of the four ladies who comprised the "Com of 50" for a report. Mrs. Gilbert gave a concise and very comprehensive resume of the work of the Com to date and pointed out the advantages to be derived by our school and municipal affairs generally by having a charter and urged all women to inform themselves before the question should be submitted to the voters so as to influence as many voters as possible. Pres. complimented Mrs. Gilbert and said that she should expect her to keep the Club informed from time to time as to the Com. progress.

Announcements were made as follows: Home and School Meeting at 3:15, Feby 25th at Grammar School to which friends were invited; History and Landmarks Sec. at Mrs. Percy's Monday the 24th and Music Sec. at Playhouse Thursday morning; Call of Com and final announcements for Colonial Party. Mrs. Thompson stated that she hoped to have Judge Brown of San Jose speak for her Department March 4th.

Bill for \$3.00 for hall rent Jan'y was rec'd and ordered paid, in accordance with a motion made by Mrs. Gilbert and second by Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Park then introduced her Peace [illeg.?] reminder and was followed by Mrs. Frisbie [?] with a paper on Patriotism; Miss Hughes on International Policy; Mrs. Vail, [?] Peace Experiment, Mrs. Van Ellen reviewed Dr. Jordan's [?] on Peace; Mrs. Tiffany, Wood, Which Costs more, a college or a Battleship, read by Mrs. McDonald; Mrs. B. Freeman reviewed a book by Walsh, "The Moral Damage of War;" Miss Arnott varied the program with an instrumental solo; Mrs. Varian paper "Is Militarism A Menace to the Progress of Women;" Miss A. Green "International Disputes Settled by Arbitration before 1908;" Mrs. Fletcher "Can One Nation Alone Avoid War;" Miss Arnott (so called) Patriotic [?]; Mrs. Wingartner, Dibble Vocal Solo; Mrs. Park closed with a quotation from Dr. Jordan. Pres. announced reception Com. for Colonial Party to include Ex. Board officers, Heads of Depts., and chairmen of all committees. Adjourned. Mrs. S. K. Bradford, Sec'y. approved 3-4-08

Palo Alto Calif. March 2nd 1908

Board Meeting

The Ex. Board of the Woman's Club met with the Treas. Mrs. Weisshaar at 2:30 on above date with Mrs. Green in the chair. Present Mesdames Green, Scofield, Rosebrook, Thompson, Weisshaar, Alderton, Byxbee, Fletcher, Bradbury and Bradford. Minutes of meeting of Feby 3rd read and approved. Notice of Home and School meeting to be held March 17 at Lytton Ave. School given. Mrs. Bradbury reported that the Colonial Party was held at the Playhouse on the evening of Washington's birthday anniversary and that fully 500 or 600 persons attended.

The following bills were presented: \$2.00 to Mrs. Alderton for postage; \$1.55 to Mrs. Scofield for exp. in costumes; \$3.30 to Mrs. Weisshaar for hire of dishwashers; \$1.00 to Friller Oleo[?]; \$3.00 to Times Pub. Co. programmes; \$1.50 to Mills for rent of plants; \$10.00 to Miss Lewis for drill in minuet; \$20.00 to Mrs. Angell rent of Playhouse; \$2.00 rent on dishes and 25 cents [?]. a bill for invitations of \$4 had been previously paid. Mrs. Scofield moved that bills be allowed and a warrant drawn of Treas. for this payment. Mrs. Bradbury 2nd carried. The Pres. reminded the Board that the calendar called for a Musical on the evening of April 29th and asked the pleasure of the Board regarding hour.

After some informal discussion Mrs. Rosebrook moved that we hold a Musical Afternoon on April 28th. Mrs. Weisshaar seconded the motion carried. Chair appointed Mrs. Scofield and Mrs. Alderton a com. to investigate and report an available place for holding same.

Mrs. Green reported [?] proceeds of Autumn Festival to be \$301.62, and said that a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements would soon appear in the [?] papers.

The question of holding a festival in 1908 came up. and Mrs. Bradford [sic] that the chair appoint a com. to investigate and report at the Club Meeting. March 18th as to the feasibility of holding an Autumn Festival this year. Mrs. Weisshaar seconded the motion which was carried. Chair appointed Mrs. Scofield a comm. of one.

Mrs. Bradbury reported 48 new members having paid initiation and dues for the current year. Mrs. Scofield moved Mrs. Alderton 2nd that chair appoint a com. to revise or amend by-laws. carried. Mrs. Corbert named [?] of com. Pres. told of a Colonial Luncheon which she had attended at Berkeley.

A communication relating to an International Institute of Agriculture and the Federation Bulletin was sent in by the Cor. Sec'y no action taken.

Mrs. Park came in about the time the business was completed and asked to speak about a course of lectures which George Wharton James would like to give in Palo Alto, but no action was taken. Adjourned.

Mrs. S. K. Bradford, Sec'y.

Palo Alto Calif. March 4 1908

A regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was held at the usual place at 2:30 P.M. on above date, with the following present. Mrs. E. G. Greene in the chair, Mrs. S.K. Bradford at the desk, Mesdames Weisshaar, Emery, Thompson, Rosebrook, Park, Belmeps [?], Tyler, Wemer [?], Bimeroy [?], McKinney, Bell, Lewis, Stephens, Roller, Van Ellen, Kidder, Folsom, Byxbee, Layer, Alder, Frisbie, Basey, Willard, Corbert, Allen, Cushing, Looney [?], Redding, Irwin, Karns, and Miss Arnott and a few others cam in late whose names were not enrolled.

The minutes of Club meeting of Feb'y 19 read and approved. Minutes of Board meeting of March 2nd read. Mrs. Frisbie moved that they be held over for action until the next meeting of the Club. Mrs. Park seconded. carried. Treas. Mrs. Weisshaar reported \$121.97 in her possession which included \$60.60 net proceeds of Valentine Bazaar.

Mrs. Frisbie chairman of the com. on arrangements for the Colonial Party held on the evening of Feb'y 22nd read a five page report on the efforts and accomplishments of our Club women in this their first attempt to receive the sterner sex. The report was very complete and gave one a good pen picture of the scenes and whole personnel of the affair which Mrs. Frisbie pronounced a great success and in this we feel that she voiced the sentiment of the Club members generally. as she also did in her well chosen words of approval and thanks to all who helped in any way to bring about the happy result from Mrs. Walton who was chairman of the whole affair to the women who made the coffee and washed the dishes. The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mrs. Gilbert chairman of com. on Girls Rest Room could not be present but her report was read by Mrs. Folsom who also brought the request that Mrs. Gilbert be relieved from further duty on com. The com. recommended that Club members be asked to contribute

1st the following articles of 2nd hand furniture: 1 [?], 1 lunch table, 6 dining room chairs, 2 to 4 easy chairs, 2 screens, couch covers, pillows, wastebasket.

2nd If the Club finances warrant it that an appropriation of \$15.00 be made for re-upholstering the furniture and supplying deficiencies in furniture.

Mrs. Frisbie moved and several members 2nd that the report be accepted. Mrs. Park moved to amend the motion to accept the report after the second clause should be stricken out. Mrs. Rosebrook 2nd Amendment and motion carried. Pres. reported for Mrs. Shipman that she had collected \$2.30 for the Young Women's Club House at Berkeley and that her health would not

permit her to carry on the work longer. No action taken.

Notice given of Home & School Meeting to be held at Lytton Ave. Building March 17th. Mrs. Frisbie who had been present at the last meeting gave Miss Hawkins observations in regard to the boys who smoke cigarettes and the tendency of children in general to eat cheap candy and [rinkhole?] some confections. Mrs. Cushing asked that Mrs. Basey give observations made in an Eastern city of the boys who smoke. Her remarks were timely {?}. Pres. asked Mrs. Roller and Mrs. Van Ellen to act as a com. on invitations to the Lytton Ave. meeting notices. Art Sec. March 11th, Miss Harker's School. History and Landmarks Mrs. Irwin March 9th. [Travel?]. Mrs. Park was given 3 minutes to talk on the Anti Expectoration ordinance. She told of the good derived by the ordinance already and plead for its more rigid enforcement in the future. Mrs. Park moved that the Palo Alto Club contribute some of its best papers to the Reciprocity Bureau and specified Mrs. Green's paper read before the Dist. Federation meeting held at Napa; Mrs. Coburn's [?] paper read before our club and all the the Peace papers given on Mrs. Park's prog. Feb'y 19th. Mrs. Roller seconded the motion carried. Mrs. Thompson, chairman of Village Improvement Dept. introduced Judge Brown of San Jose, Pres. of "The Boys' Outing Farm" who spoke at length [?] legal and business phases of the enterprise. The farm consists of an 80 acre tract of land in the foothills near Saratoga. Mrs. Rice, the mother of the idea was also present and gave the philanthropic side of the movement and endorsed Judge Brown's remarks.

Mrs. Valance [?] Arnott closed the program with an instrumental solo.

March 18th 1908

Mrs. Green in the chair. Mrs. Bradford Sec. Members Park, Corbert, Wyckoff, Looney, Pomeroy, Rosebrook, Thompson, Folson, Gilbert, Sayes [sp ?]. Weishaar, Ridder. Werner, Allen, Frisbie, Tyler, La Rive [sp ?], Rice [sp ?] Kinney, Berry [sp ?] , Rogers, Irwin, Van Ellen, Alderton, Templeton, Soper [sp?], Hall, Sherman, Redding. Minutes read and approved. Girls Rest Room Mrs. Rosebrook to take Mrs. Gilbert's place. President asked that the list of articles wanted be published. Mrs. Wycoff moved that we furnish the rest room at once. Mrs. Tyler seconded. Mrs. Gilbert thought it impracticable without money. A rising vote taken. motion lost.

Mrs. Looney [sp ?] reported from Home and school Meeting. Subject. Punctual attendance--- Next meeting Homer Ave. School. History and Landmarks Mrs. Schofield, Music Section April 28 Musical at Mrs. J. L Parkinson's.

Mrs. Park read a paper. Finance. Mrs. Green asked the cooperation of all the Club members to see that the Anti Cg [sp?] Mrs Gilbert moved seconded by Mrs. Rosebrook that the Club thank the Trustees for the very thorough manner in which they have dealt with the meeting.

Mrs. Soper added to the Committee in amending the By-Laws. Mrs. Corbert, asked to report on the proposed amendments. Mrs. Rosebrook moved, sec. by Mrs. Thompson that the amendments be voted on by sections. Mrs. Gilbert moved that Sec. be amended as read. Mrs. Rogers 2nd it. Carried. Mrs. Pomeroy moved seconded by Mrs. Sapiens [sp ?] that Sec. 2 be amended as read carried.

Mrs. Gilbert discussed the [word ?] ability of membership Com. Pres. answered. Mrs. Pomeroy moved to adopt. Mrs. Frisbie 2nd. carried. Sec'y Mrs. Wycoff moved Mrs. Berry seconded carried Mrs. Wycoff, moved, Mrs. Frisbie seconded. the Treas---checks. [word ?] Art Section meet at Mrs. Lackey's [sp ?] Monday morning.

History and Land mark Sec. to meet at Mrs. Morrison's Monday. Mrs. Smith will entertain Home Section Monday a week.

Mrs. Park finds three members to talk of the Anti-expectoration ordinance. Mrs. Park, voted 2nd by Mrs. Roller that a copy of Mrs. Green's paper, Mrs. Coburn's paper, the Park paper -- Mrs. Thompson took the Chair and [word?][Judge Brown of San Jose who spoke on the Boys' Outing Farm. Mrs. Rice, Mother of the idea, was present and spoke.

Miss Arnott gave an instrumental Solo. Mrs. Green gave notice of 3-18 meeting, in which rest room would be discussed. Donations to be sent to Mrs. Folsom. Home and School Meeting. Letter from Mrs. Brown, Art-Soc. Musical afternoon at 2 admission 25 cents. Autumn Festival. Mrs. Green asked that a Committee be appoint to arrange for the George Wharton James lectures. Adjourned.

[Minutes of the last portion of this meeting added in the hand of the usual secretary, below.] Pres. gave notice that the Loan Exhibit would not be given on March 18th but that the whole time would be devoted to business. the Rest Room would be discussed. Report received from the Home and School meeting. Letter from Mrs. Hannah Otis Brown read. Arrangements made for Musical Afternoon April 28 at which an admission of 25 cents will be charged. and the Com on Autumn Festival will report. also com on revisions of the by-laws.

April 1st, 1908

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the usual place, the President in the chair. Short business meeting at 2:30. Bills for cream and milk also for napkins ordered paid. Motion to ask for information regarding per capita tax made and carried. The Home and School meeting will be held at Homer Avenue School. Last meeting to be held at High School the 3rd Tuesday in May. Motion to elect a nominating committee, made by Mrs. Rosebrook, seconded by Mrs. Stuart. Mrs. Frisbie and Mrs. Van Ellen were declared elected. Meeting adjourned for entertainment and reception to be given by the French Section.

Mrs. Varney presiding, the programme was opened with a recitation by Mlle D'Hautenoll [sp?] followed by an address by Prof. Guerard on "Church and State in France Today." Some finely rendered songs by Miss Upham and Mr. Mc Donald and another recitation by Mlle D'Heutmoll completed a most enjoyable programme. The hall was characteristically decorated with fleur de lis and festoons of little fish which are suggestive of April first in France, and with a beautiful French flag. At the conclusion of the programme* tea and cakes were served during a social half-hour.

Mrs. Rosebrook

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* after the President had called the attention of the people present to a musical to be given April 29 at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Parkinson.

April 6, 1908

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's Club was held at the residence of Mrs. Weishaar, the President in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. A letter of resignation from Mrs. Bradford as Secretary was read and accepted with regret. Mrs. Greene presented a request from Mr. Jordan that the Club should hold its meeting of May 20 in Fraternity Hall as he desired the use of his own building on that date. Mr. Jordan agreed to pay the expense. Mrs. Rosebrook moved and Mrs. Schofield seconded that the meeting of May 20 be held in Fraternity Hall. Carried. The President presented a communication from Mrs. Cowles concerning Federation dues.

A card was read from the Watsonville Club concerning an issue of the Watsonville Register which it is the intention of the Club to publish as a source of revenue. Motion by Mrs. Rosebrook seconded by Mrs. Stuart that 20 copies should be procured and be presented for sale

at a Club meeting carried.

Letter read from Mrs. Nellie M. Duncan in the interest of the Maud B. Booth home for Children. Mrs. Thompson reported sending of box to the home at the holiday. Letter directed to be read at general meeting.

President read in connection with proposed amendment of by-Laws a section from the constitution of the California Woman's Club regarding management of sections. Mrs. Rosebrook moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded that the subject be brought before the Board for discussion carried. Discussion followed.

President reported the expenses of the Colonial Party as being \$51.00.

Secretary reported \$20.02 in treasury.

Mrs. Schofield reported that the Musicales of April 29 would be held at the residence of Mrs. Perry instead of that of Mrs. Parkinson. Motion by Mrs. Schofield, seconded by Mrs. Shipman that an admission of 35 cents be charged. carried. A second motion by the same that 15 cents additional be charged for refreshments. carried.

Mrs. Rosebrook moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded that Mrs. Alderton be appointed as recording Secretary for remainder of Club year. Carried.

Meeting declared adjourned. M. S. Alderton.

April 15, 1908

[In the margin: Invitation from the Fortnightly Club of San Jose for a reception in honor of Mrs. E. E. Huff for April 23 at Club House {illegible}]

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the usual place, the President in the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Minutes of Executive meeting read. Notice was given of a change in the plan for the Musicales: that it should be given at the residence of Mrs. Perry on Bryant Street instead of at the residence of Mrs. Parkinson (below).

Letters were read from Mrs. Duncan in behalf of the Maud B. Booth Home and from Mrs. & Mrs. Redding in acknowledgements of attention from the Club at a time of bereavement. Motion by Mrs. Rosebrook, seconded by Mrs. Tyler [sp?] of resolution of sympathy to be extended to Mr. & Mrs. Redding. Carried. Report from Mrs. Soper of sending of carnations.

Concerning the Musicales, Mrs. Corbert moved and Mrs. Park seconded that the admission charge be made 25 cents with 15 cents for refreshments. carried. Mrs. Stuart moved that minutes be ratified as amended. Carried.

The matter of the Berkeley Club house fund brought before the meeting \$2.30 only had been collected. Mrs. Soper moved that the sum of \$5.00 be made up from the treasury. Motion lost. Chair appointed Mrs. Park to take charge of matter for present meeting.

Notice given of meeting of Home and School Society, April 21 at the Homer Ave. School.

Mrs. Park moved that a response be sent to the invitation from the San Jose Club. carried.

The members there proceeded to a consideration of the By-laws as presented by Mrs. Corbert for the committee, but interrupted the proceedings to listen to the programme for the afternoon, which was opened by Miss Stuart with a piano solo and continued by Prof.

Mortey[sp?] of Stanford University upon the subject of Social Responsibility.

Prof. Mortey [?] said in effect that the evils of present industrial conditions should be a matter of serious consideration among us. That it is, indeed, a case of the man who "passed by on the other side" when we refuse to interest ourselves in aiding our fellow men who is on the under side and unable to help himself.

At the conclusion of the address, the consideration of the amendment was resumed and concluded.

Notice given of amendment as follows: "All profits derived from special or regular meetings of departments shall be for the use of such departments or sections, and each department shall be responsible for its own expenses. Departments shall not appropriate more than twenty-five dollars for any one purpose without the consent of the club.

The nominating committee, through Mrs. Stuart, Chairman, announced the following names for consideration:

For President Mrs. M. J. Greene

Vice " Mrs. E. A. Soper

Secretary Mrs. Rosebrook

Treasurer Mrs. Weisshaar

For Directors: Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Alderton, Mrs. Shipman, Mrs. Geo. Parkinson, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Newsom.

Mrs. Thompson nominated Mrs. Stuart as director.

Discussion arose as to rules with regard to nominations from the floor at the time of an election.

Mrs. Rosebrook moved Mrs. Park seconded that the matter be left to the discretion of the Club carried.

Mrs. Rosebrook moved Mrs. Park seconding that the report from nominating committee be accepted carried.

Meeting adjourned

Marion S. Alderton, Sec'y.

May 4, 1908

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held at 651 Gilman street, the President in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Chairman of social committee reported the net receipts of the Musicale of the 29th May \$13.05. Treasurer reported \$20.57 in hand. Mrs. Bushwill [?] reported for the Art Section that books to the value of \$47.00 had been purchased with the proceeds of the Valentine Bazaar and had been delivered. Mrs. Thompson, as chairman of the Civics Department presented a request for a contribution to the Garden Contest Fund on the ground that being helpful to the children it was therefore helpful to the community. A suggestion was made that the surplus from the Valentine sale be so appropriated since it seemed fitting that what the children had earnestly worked for should be applied directly to their benefit. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that the ten dollars remaining from this fund be so applied. Carried unanimously.

The subject of the sale of the Watsonville Register was brought up and Mrs. Rosebrook moved that the remainder of the sum of one dollar be drawn from the treasury that immediate settlement for the twenty copies could be made. Said amount to be returned when sale was completed. carried.

Suggestion was made that the Club hold a market this spring to increase the amount in the treasury. no action taken.

Meeting declared adjourned.

M. S. Alderton

Recording Secretary.

May 6, 1908 The regular annual meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the usual place. the President in the chair. Owing to the small attendance the subject of postponing the regular annual business until a later date was considered.

Mrs. Stuart asked that attention be given to the request that May 18 be observed as Peace Day in all the schools of Palo Alto. Mrs. Wycoff moved that Mrs. Stuart be appointed a committee of one

to attend to the matter. Carried.

Mrs. Wycoff moved that when the present meeting adjourn, it should adjourn until May 13. Carried.

Consideration was given to the subject of appointing delegates to the State Bi-ennial meeting at Oakland May 20-23. Mrs. Stuart moved an immediate nomination of delegates. Motion lost.

Mrs. Stuart moved that the regular nomination and election of officers be held immediately instead of waiting until the postponed. Discussion followed in which Mrs. Trune [?] explained that there existed a moral obligation to the absent members who understood that the election of officers would be held at a [?] meeting on May 13. Motion was lost.

Meeting declared adjourned.

MS Alderton, Secretary

May 13, 1908

The annual meeting of the Woman's Club having been adjourned from May 6th was called to order at two o'clock, the President in the chair. Minutes of two general meetings those of May 6 and April 5 were read and approved. Minutes of the Executive meeting of May 4 ratified.

Reports from Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted. Treasurer reported 150 members on the roll and a balance of twenty dollars in the treasury.

Reports from the sections French and Literature and [illeg.?] and the Civic Department were read by the respective Chairmen, also later a report from the Art section.

The President made a short report for the Homer School meeting and announced the final meeting of the year to be held May 19 at the High School. Arrangements were made for light refreshments and Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Steminger appointed a committee to arrange for same. Mrs. Cushing announced that a meeting had been arranged with [letter?] F. Camner for May 28 in Jordan's Hall in the interest of the play ground movement. Mrs. Cushing emphasized the importance of this subject since the boys and girls in town must have the opportunities if they are to "grow up healthy and civilized."

The President's followed and the meeting was closed by the announcement of a deferred meeting on May 27 in Fraternity Hall, at which the new officers and directors would be welcomed by those retiring from office.

At 3:00 the election of officers: President-appointed Mrs. Frisbie, Mrs. Varian, Mrs Sherman, and Mrs Anthony as tellers.

The vice-president occupied the chair during the voting for President.

Regular nominee for president, Mrs. M. J. Greene. There being no nominations from the floor, Mrs. Frisbie moved that the secretary be directed to cast the ballot for president.

Secretary announced the election of Mrs. M. J. Greene to the office of president.

In accepting the office made a few remarks to the effect that a first year's work was in the nature of a trial, and that with experience mistakes could be removed and greater efficiency be possible. Also that in a club, what she called "group work" is highly essential.

Next in order was the election of a vice-president. Regular nominee, Mrs. E. A. Soper, Mrs. J. F. Parkinson nominated from the floor. Mrs. Soper declared elected.

For recording secretary regular nominee Mrs. Rosebrook, from the floor, Mrs. Vail. The first ballot being a tie, a second was taken, and Mrs. Vail declared elected.

The treasurer, regular nominee, Mrs. Weisshaar, from the floor, Mrs. Van Ellen. Mrs Weisshaar declared elected.

For directors regular nominees Mrs. Shipman, Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Alderton, Mrs. Geo. Parkinson, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Newsom. Mrs. Weisshaar moved that when all nominations were made, voting should be done for the whole seven [illeg?] candidates on one ballot. Carried. Regular nominee Mrs. Guyert [?] ~~Mrs. Rosebrook, Mrs. Stuart, and Mrs. Fletcher~~ were nominated from the floor. All but the first named declined the nomination. As the result of the balloting the following new directors were declared elected. Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Shipman, Mrs. Alderton, Mrs. Geo Parkinson, Mrs. Guyett, Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Newsom. President called attention to the Club House loan fund and to the question of holding a market this season for the benefit of the Club treasury. Mrs. Schofield moved that a market be held, carried. May 23 was decided upon as a day for same and Mrs. Rodgers appointed as chairman of a committee to carry on the affair. Delegates to state Bi-ennial Convention May 20-23 were elected. Mrs. Frisbie and Mrs. Stuart, with Mrs. Wyckoff and Muss. Weisshaar as alternates. with the announcement of the first meeting of the new board on May 25 at the home of the president the meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted
Marion S. Alderton

Women's Club of Palo Alto 475 Homer Ave. Palo Alto, Ca.94301
Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary May 1908 to August 1909

Board: Alderton, Shipman, Soper, Vail, and G.Parkinson, Bradbury, Rosebrook,
Stuart, Firebaugh and Alderton.

Departments and Chairs

Art and Literature: Bushnell Legislative: Park
Press: Stuart Civics: Thompson (incl. Village Improvement:)
Education: Hughes (incl. music, arts & crafts, literature, French, current events)

Finances

Expenses: \$83-Yearbooks (Oct. 7), \$7 lantern for stereopticon lecture (Oct. 20)
\$620 settlement of Mullen law suit (Feb.11,15,17 Mar.1,3,17) Donated \$32 to
high school boys band for playing at event. Books to Library (Nov.18)
Other expenses (Nov. 18, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Apr. 17)
\$5 to college scholarship fund (May 3) Treasury Balance (Jan. 20, Feb. 17)

Fund Raising

Autumn Festival, proceeds-\$206.29 (Oct. 2,Nov. 18)
Calendar Sale (Nov. 18, Dec. 3) Food Sale (Apr. 7)

Legal

Special meetings regarding the Mullen lease and law suit followed the regular
schedule. Mr. James Hutchinson, attorney for the committee, the board
members and Mrs.Zschokke representing the gymnasium committee were
present. In question was a lease signed May 2, 1904 virtually upon the
incorporation of the Club. (May 25)

In a special meeting of the Club a motion was passed that the Club as a
Corporation was itself responsible for the action of the Gymnasium
Committee. (May 25, 27, July 1,4)

Regular meetings were held discussing on going projects as well as the law suit.

Action/Event

Request to add a Club committee on woman suffrage. Exec. deferred (Sept. 7)
Arranged that Club meetings will be reported in "Times" and "Tribune" (Sept. 7)
Home and School meetings are successful and now regularly planned. (Oct. 20)
Nominated a woman candidate for Board of School Trustees. (Apt. 17)
Mrs. C.L. Place, first woman elected to a Town office. (Apr. 21)
Sent protest to S.F. papers over subject of the comic supplement. (Apr. 21)
A motion to protest the forming of a militia company in Palo Alto was tabled. (Apr. 21)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Withdrew from the National Federation of Women's Clubs. (May 5)
Prof. Starks spoke on "A Bicycle Trip through England." (Oct. 7)
Dr. Dudley spoke on "Forestry". (Oct. 20)
Mrs. Monger spoke on "Moral Education." (Nov. 5)
Mrs. Franklin spoke on "Rosetti as Poet and Artist." (Dec. 3)
Readings were given and discussion ensued on war and peace. (Dec. 7)
Discussion of proposed Town charter. (Dec. 7, Jan. 6)
Mr. Ashbee spoke on "Arts and Crafts in England." (Jan 20)
Dr. Motley spoke on "Juvenile Court." (Feb. 3)
Several members spoke on traveling in Spain, Norway and Russia. (Mar. 3)
Several members displayed and spoke about their collections of crafts
from the Philippines,Central America and American Indians. (Apr. 21)
Mrs. Cushing spoke on the Tenement Housing Bill. (May 25)
Mrs. Park spoke on humane education, peace and child labor (May 27)

Palo Alto Woman's Club minutes
transcribed by Jeanne McDonnell
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From May 25, 1908 to May 26, 1909

Palo Alto, May 25th, 1908

[the following was typewritten, unlike all the other previous entries, and pasted in the book]

a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Palo Alto Woman's Club, (a corporation), was held at the residence of Mrs. Scofield, this day, --- due notice thereof having been given. There was a quorum present. The President occupied the chair.

Mrs. A. P. Zschokke, representing the Gymnasium Committee, and Joseph Hutchinson, attorney, attended the meeting and explained the situation with reference to the Mullen lease.

After complete discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED: That the President and Secretary of the PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB (a corporation), be, and they are hereby, authorized to execute, in the corporate name of this corporation, an acceptance of an assignment of the Mullen lease, said assignment and said acceptance to be in the words and figures following, to wit:

The undersigned, ANNA P. ZSCHOKKE, C.G. BALDWIN, C.S. McCOWN and JULIA R. GILBERT, hereby sell, assign and transfer to the PALO ALTO WOMAN' CLUB, a corporation, all their right, title and interest of, in and to that certain lease made by Peter Mullen to us and one A.A. Browne now deceased, dated November 1st, 1903, and covering the second story of that certain building on High Street between Mullen's Hall and the Palo Alto Fire House in the Town of Palo Alto, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

This assignment is made for the purpose of ratifying and confirming the actual assignment of said lease to said corporation on May 2nd, 1904, and is effective as of that date, and is given to supply written evidence of said assignment, the original written assignment of said lease, if any existed, having been lost or destroyed.

Dated, Palo Alto, May 20th, 1908.

Mrs. Anna P. Zschokke

C. G. Baldwin

C. S. McCowen

Julia R. Gilbert

The PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB, a corporation, hereby accepts the above assignment as of May 2nd, 1904, the date of the actual assignment referred to herein.

IN WITNESS THEREOF the Palo Alto WOMAN'S CLUB, a corporation, has hereunto caused its corporate name to be signed this 20th day of May, 1908, by its President and Secretary, they being thereunto duly authorized.

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB

By [signature follows] M.J. Greene

President

By [signature follows] Marion S. Alderton

Secretary

The meeting then adjourned.

Marion S. Alderton

Secretary

Palo Alto, June 4th, 1908

A special meeting of the PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB, (a corporation), was held at Fraternity Hall, this day, --- due notice thereof having been given. There was a quorum present. The President occupied the chair.

The matter of the Mullen lease was discussed and, after full consideration, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the action of the Board of Directors of this corporation at their meeting, on May 25th 1908, with reference to the Mullen lease, be, and the same is hereby, ratified and approved.

The meeting then adjourned.

Marion S. Alderton,
Secretary

All the above was typewritten and pasted in the book. The following was on loose sheets in the book.

Palo Alto, May 25, 1908

A special meeting of the members of the retiring Board of Directors was held at the residence of Mrs. Schofield [sic] the following members being present: Mesdames Stuart, Shipman, Rosebrook, Schofield, Byxbee, Weisshaar, Alderton, [illeg], & Fletcher, with Mrs. Zschokke, who represented the Gymnasium Committee. Meeting called to order at 3:00, the President in the Chair.

A communication from Mrs. James Hutchinson, attorney for the committee, was read and discussed. This communication consisted of a request that the Woman's Club, as a corporation, should ratify and confirm an assignment previously made to the Club by the Gymnasium Committee on the date of May 2, 1904. This assignment, while not executed in writing, was stated to have been virtually made upon the incorporation of the Club, which took place upon the date above named. This ratification was indebtedness had been the subject of suit brought against the Committee by Peter Mullen.

Mr. Hutchinson was present during the latter part of the meeting for the purpose of stating his object in wishing the Club to take above action. Said object being to release the Committee as individuals from the burden of a possibly adverse decision and to hasten the settlement of the case. Mr. Hutchinson stated that the Club, having no direct contact with Mr. Mullen (as one of the two copies of the contract had been altered since signatures had been affixed) could not be held [illeg]

Mr. Hutchinson had prepared a statement to which he requested the signature of the President. This statement he wished to present to Judge Welch who had agreed to delay his findings until June fifth for the purpose of receiving it. Said statement of the assumption of responsibility by the corporation being intended to release the committee.

A resolution was offered by Mrs. Rosebrook that the President sign this statement. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Marion S. Alderton
Secretary

May 27 - 08 The Woman's Club met in Fraternity Hall with the Pres. Mrs. Green in the chair.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved with slight correction. The secy not being able to serve throughout the meeting the Pres appointed Mrs. Vail secy for the day.

Bill of 50 cts presented for rental of furniture for colonial party, moved the same be paid, carried. Pres called upon Mrs. Cushing to give a verbal report on the last 'Home & School' meeting. Mrs. C stated the subject under discussion was healthful dress for the growing school girl. Dr. Margaret Evans discussed the subject from the physician's standpoint & Mrs. Bushnell from the artist's view.

Mrs. Frisbie presented an amendment providing that the Pres or any five members may call a special meeting without the sanction of the executive board. Moved we adopt this amendment carried.

By Laws as revised by com. read by secy. Mrs. Alderton moved the report of revision com. be adopted - carried.

Mrs. Cushing spoke of tenement house bill for San Francisco & compared the size of light wells with those in N. York & asked that a request be sent from this club. Mrs. Stuart moved the subject be referred to the ex. board.

Mrs. Stuart moved that for this year the custodian be appointed by the ex. brd as the subject was left over from a previous meeting.

Mrs. Rogers reported result of food sale in 20 " [?] net proceeds \$13.45. Moved report be accepted carried. Mrs. Frisbie moved a note of thanks to managers of food sale - carried.

Report of Federation at Oakland on May 20 was given by Mrs. Frisbie.

Mrs. Stuart gave an account of an excursion to Santa Rosa given to the delegates.

Pres announced a meeting for the discussion of playgrounds to be held in Jordans Hall on the 28 & to be addressed by Mr. Hammer.

Mrs. Park told of the work in the literature dept at the Federation, most of it being in humane education, peace & child labor.

Mrs. Fletcher gave a report of Building and Loan fund, amt in hand \$3.20.

Mrs. Stuart moved the amount be raised to \$3.00 [?] carried.

Mrs. Hall spoke of the subject of introducing domestic science into the public schools & asked that the club cooperate with the school trustees to bring this about.

Mrs. Stuart moved that inquiry into this subject be referred to chairman of education department carried. Pres. then presented the new officers.

The meeting then adjourned.

Mrs. Deborah H. Vail, secretary protem

June 1st

Regular mtg of Ex bd met with Mrs. Green six members present

Recommended that each section have a chairman - vice chairman & secretary - The following were nominated as chairmen of sections

Education	{Literature	Mrs. Schofield
	{Travel	Mrs. Hughes
	{ French	Mrs. Varney
	Art	Mrs. Bushnell
	Music	" Connelley

Legislation " Park
moved Mrs. Stuart be made cor. secy carried - Moved Mrs. Geo Parkinson be made auditor
carried
Recommendations for chairmen of civic section, music com current events. Press. Social &
membership were left until a future meeting
Adjourned
Mrs. Deborah H. Vail secy

June 4th 1908

A special meeting called to consider the action of the special meeting of the executive Board on
May 25th was held at this date The minutes of said special Executive meeting were read.

On request of the Pres. selections from the minutes of the executive meeting of May 2" 1904
& of the general meeting of May 4' 1904 were read.

These selections showed that the minutes of the executive meeting were not ratified at the
general meeting.

Owing to this omission, as the case was stated by the President, it had been considered
desirable by Mr. Hutchinson that a statement should be made by the Club which showed plainly
that the Club as a corporation considered itself responsible for the action of the Gymnasium
committee. This statement had been prepared by Mr. Hutchison & signed by Mrs. Greene at the
special Executive meeting above mentioned; and was intended to release the Gymnasium
committee, as individuals and hasten the settlement of the suit.

Mrs. Wychoff moved that the action of the Executive Board on May 25th be ratified carried
unanimously.

A letter was read from Mr. Lee L. Hammer thanking the club for its cordial reception and
appreciative attitude toward him.

Mrs. Cushing mentioned having received a letter from Mr. Hammer also & made a few remarks
in the interest of a recreation ground for men.

Mrs. Pomeroy offered a resolution of sympathy at the death of Mrs. Laney carried
unanimously. Mrs. Soper was authorized to arrange for sending flowers at the proper time.

Meeting adjourned

M. S. Alderton Secy for the day

by Deborah H. Vail recording secretary

July 6 - 08 - Woman's Club Executive Board met with Mrs. Green. Moved & carried the
following serve as com. on decoration (viz) Mrsdames Anthony Newsome, Varian, Gordon,
Irwin, & Bell.

Com on membership mesdames T. Bradbury, H. W. Simpkins, G. S. Allen, J. T Byxbee, J. A.
Shipman, Isabella Pomeroy, J. T. Templeton, & Miss T Tarfy [?]

Social com chairman Mrs. Geo Parkinson vice chairman Weisshaar also mesdames Lakin,
Perry, Upham, Fletcher, Frisby, Dwight, Bradford, Layes, Karns, Margaret Bell, McKinney,
Rogers, Monteith, Cherry. Mrs. Anna Evans. Berry, J. T. Parkinson.

Civic Com Mrs. Chas Thompson chair

W. T. McKinney

Dr. Evans.

Pres. introduced the subject of having outside lecturers the coming year. No action taken. Moved
that Mrs. G. S. Allen be made custodian of the property of the Woman's Club. carried. Pres.
spoke of calling a special meeting & received consent of five members required.

Mrs. Alderton moved to send to the Carnival committee a suggestion that the Woman's Club hold a festival this year, and that the Carnival committee conduct the carnival next year, alternating hereafter with the Woman's Club festival - carried. It was suggested we hold the festival near the middle of Oct.

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Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

September 1908 to August 1909

No. of board meetings: 11

Board: Mmes. Greene, Alderton, Shipman, Soper, Vail, Wiesshaar, and G. Parkinson

Departments and Chairs

Art and Literature:
Current Events;
Home/Household:
Hospitality:

Village Improvement:
Music:
Penny Provident Fund:
Philanthropy: :
Library:

Finances

Expenses: \$83-Yearbooks (Oct. 7), \$7 lantern for stereopticon lecture (Oct. 20)
\$620 settlement of Mullen law suit (Feb. 11, 15, 17 Mar. 1, 3, 17)
Donated \$32 to high school boys band for playing at event..
Other expenses (Nov. 18, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Apr. 17)
\$5 to college scholarship fund (May 3) Books to Library (Nov. 18)
Treasury Balance: (Jan. 20, Feb. 17)

Fund Raising

Autumn Festival, proceeds-\$206.29 (Oct. 2, Nov. 18)
Calendar Sale (Nov. 18, Dec. 3)
Food Sale (Apr. 7)

Action/Event

Request to add a Club committee on woman suffrage. Exec. deferred (Sept. 7)
Arranged that Club meetings will be reported in "Times" and "Tribune" (Sept. 7)
Home and School meetings are successful and now regularly planned. (Oct. 20)
Nominated a woman candidate for Board of School Trustees. (Apr. 17)
Mrs. C.L. Place, first woman elected to a Town office. (Apr. 21)
Sent protest to S.F. papers over subject of the comic supplement. (Apr. 21)
A motion to protest the forming of a militia company in Palo Alto was tabled. (Apr. 21)
Withdrew from the National Federation of Women's Clubs. (May 5)

Speakers at Club Meetings

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Discussion of proposed Town charter. (Dec. 7, Jan. 6)
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Sept 7th 08 The Executive Board met with Mrs. Schofield.

Min of previous board read & approved. Pres. told of her arrangement to have the club meetings reported in "The Times" & "Tribune." The Pres. spoke of the desire of one of our members that we introduce a suffrage section in the club. Moved action upon this question be deferred. carried.

Adjourned

Deborah H. Vail secy

Oct 2' 08. Executive Board of Woman's Club met with Mrs. Schofield 7 members present. the meeting was occupied with discussion of festival plans. A letter was read from Miss Helen Moore of S. F: recommending the services of Miss Jane Bromlee as lecturer on child training. Moved by Mrs. Schofield we accept this proposition. carried.

Letter read from Mr. Wm Frederick Bade offering to make arrangements to give a stereopticon lecture on "the Canal Zone" in the near future, Moved we decline the offer as our schedule is already filled. carried.

Pres presented an invitation from Mrs. Franklin to join a general social alliance of Womans clubs of this county - subject left for further consideration. Bill presented for printing year book.

Bill from Mrs. Alice Park of \$1.80 for typewritten work for reciprocity bureau. Moved same be paid. carried. Recommended Mrs. Geo Parkinson & Mrs. Shipman be added to com to decide upon the amount of each prize to be given at the Festival.

The President stated it is the understanding that a part of the proceeds of the Festival be put in bank as a festival fund for carrying on future festivals if so desired.

Moved that the amount of the fund to be so set aside be left to the judgment of the Executive Board carried.

Names of Mrs. Sykes & Mrs. Wishard were presented by membership com & recommended by the Board.

Adjourned

Deborah H. Vail, secy

Oct 7" 08 Regular meeting of Woman's Club met in Jordans Hall.

Min of Ex Bd of Oct 2" read - not acted upon. Delegates were appointed to convention of District Federation of Womans Clubs to be held at Watsonville viz Mrs. Karns Mrs Frisbee & Mrs. Schofield. Pres announced next mtg for Oct. 20 to be addressed by Dr. Dudley on Forestry.

Pres. gave notices of festival committee mtgs at 8 P.M. Mrs. Schofield chairman of Literature section took charge of the program. 1st was a piano solo by Miss Arnott. Then vocal solo by Mrs. Armstrong. Then followed a stereopticon lecture by Prof. Starks. "A Bicycle Trip through England" which held the attention & interest of the audience for more than an hour.

Pres. announced various features to be presented at the festival.

A bill of \$83.00 for printing year books etc was presented. Moved bill be paid. carried.

Moved Mrs. Anthony & Mrs. Parks be elected alternate delegates to convention. carried.

Adjourned

Deborah H. Vail secy

Oct 20th 08 Regular meeting of Womans Club met in Jordans Hall, minutes of preceding meeting read & approved. A card of gratitude was read from Mrs. S. J. Croswell & Mrs. T D Stowe, thanking the Club for a floral offering on account of the death of Miss Clapp. Resignation of Mrs. Anna D. Connelley as chairman of music section was read & accepted with regret. A bill of \$7.00 was presented from Robinson & Crandall for operating lantern for stereopticon lecture. Moved the amount be paid. carried.

Names of candidates, for membership were presented. Mrs. Sykes. Mrs. Wishard.

Min of Ex. Bd. of last Ex Bd. read, not acted upon postponed for further discussion. Mrs. Karns then presented a detailed account of the District convention at Watsonville. Reports from four of the Festival committees were read. Mrs. Forbes for china sale. Mrs. Guyeth [?] for ice cream, Mrs. G. S. Allen 'Abalone jewelry,' Mrs. Vail for candy sale.

At 8 p.m. Mrs. Templeton took charge of program. First we listened to a vocal solo by Mrs. Crocker, Miss Thompson pianist, 2 members. Dr. Dudley of the Botany Dept. at Stanford was then introduced & spoke on "Forestry." He told of the danger of our country's being entirely denuded of forests if the present consumption & waste of timber continues. He also told of the advance made by the government and by Forestry Clubs & others in efforts to reclaim the forest by acquiring National reserves & parks & reclaiming large tracts that had been fraudulently (sic) acquired by private men or corporations. The U.S. has now near 200,000,000 acres of forest reserves for national parks. A rising vote of thanks was given Dr. Dudley for his most interesting lecture.

Invitation read from Native Sons to attend the ceremony of dedication of the flag pole on Oct. 22 at 1:30 P.M.

Pres. told of successful Home & School meeting at the grammar school on Oct. 19. Then adjourned

Deborah H. Vail secy.

Nov 5 08 Regular meeting of Womans Club met in Jordans Hall. Min of preceding meeting read & approved.

Resolutions of thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Autumn Festival read & adopted.

Pres. presented an offer from S. Pacific to give stereopticon lecture showing scenery. not acted upon.

Letter from Mrs. Price Franklin of San Jose Womans Club asking if our Club wishes to be in county alliance a& offering to give us a Saturday for a meeting.

Moved the invitation be accepted carried. Secy read letter of thanks from chairman of the Boys Band for check for \$32.00 for their services at the festival, also a letter from the chairman of the high school candy corn thanking the club for the opportunity given them to take part in the Autumn Festival. Moved an order be drawn on treasury for amount of interest on club lot. carried. Moved a bill of \$4.00 for stationery etc. due to Mrs. E. G. Greene be paid carried. Mrs. Anthony gave approximate report for the festival "country store."

Names of Mrs. Putnam & Mrs. Stuper presented for membership moved names be accepted carried. Pres. asked members to consider having a domestic science mtg on Jan 6 & also a Club luncheon for Jan 27.

At 3:45 began the afternoon program. Mrs. T. L Bewick gave a vocal selection "The Boys who wore the blue are growing gray." Responded to encore.

As Prof. Davidson who was announced to speak on "Citizenship" did not appear, Mrs. Monger [?] gave a short account of her studies at the University & of Prof. Davidson's lectures on

"Moral Education, She spoke of the discussions upon heredity, & environment & made a strong plea for the effect of environment & deplored the attitude of people in general toward the child of poor heredity and the prostitute woman trying to reform. The meeting ended in a round table discussion upon moral education.

Deborah H. Vail secy

Min of Mug of Womans Club Nov 18, 1908

1st Reading of thanks of chairmen of festival committees.

2 Pres's remarks on the death of Mrs. Redding.

3 voted to hold memorial services on Dec 16 " 4" Resolution passed by the Woman's Club of Glen Ellen read, voted to pass a similar resolution soon Mrs. Park to prepare the resolution. 5 Treasurer's report read, the Festival fund amounted to \$206.29 after all expenses were paid. (6") Mrs. Park read a letter from the chairman of the Equal Suffrage League of San Francisco, to the Woman's Club inviting them to the Fairmount Hotel to a dinner on Nov 30", voted thanks to the League for their invitation. (7") Mrs. Park asked for a vote commending the work of the Pacific Coast in their efforts to [illeg] public corruption in any form. voted. Mrs. Rosebrook was appointed to draw up a proper resolution. (8") President talks of a club luncheon on Jan 27" called the Presidents day. The committee named are Mesdames Geo Parkinson, Karns, Bradford, Gossett, Steinenger, Grove, Irving & Rogers.

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Board of education and Town Trustees invited to be present at the Library on the occasion of presentation of Art books to the library on Thursday evening Nov. 28. (10) Announcement of club section work. (11) Announcement of sale of calendars made by public school children at the club mtg on Dec 3"

(12) Mrs. Park took up a contribution for a branch of the Tuskegee school for colored children.

(13) Address on China and its present development by Mr. a refined and educated Chinaman.

Adjourned

Secy for the day.

Dec 3" - 08 Club met in Jordans Hall. Hall opened at 2 p.m. & calendars made by public school children were displayed for sale. The pres. called the club to order at 3:30. First in the program was a violin solo by Mr. Roller 2" a whistling solo "The Japanese Maiden" by Miss Woodward, also a response to encore. Then followed a most interesting paper by Mrs. Viola Franklin pres. of Jan Jose Woman's Club. subject "Rosetti as Poet & Artist," after the program refreshments were served & a social hour enjoyed, & calendar sale continued. Adjourned

Deborah H. Vail secy

Executive Board of Womans Club met Dec 7. Quorum present.

Discussion of disposal of Festival fund.

Moved by Mrs. Shipman that net proceeds of last festival be added to that already in bank, to be known as the Womans Club Festival Fund. carried.

Bill of \$4.00 for hall rent presented. Ordered paid.

Bill of \$2.50 for flowers, ordered paid. Mrs. Greene Karns Weishaar were appointed a committee to interview Mr. Hutchinson.

Dec. 16 - 1908 The Womans Club met in Jordan's Hall.

Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Min. of executive board of Dec 7" read, not acted upon.

The President suggested that next meeting be devoted to the discussion of our proposed town charter, & that we postpone the subject already assigned.

Moved by Mrs. Rosebrook that the first meeting in Jan. be a charter mtg. carried.

Letter of thanks read from Library sec'y for art books presented to the library by the art section of Womans Club. Mrs. Thompson made a request of the ladies that they do their Christmas shopping early, as a sisterly consideration for clerks.

Minutes of mtg of Nov 18 read & approved.

There followed memorial services. Mrs. Rosebrook presiding.

The Pres. led in prayer - Hymn Nearer My God to Thee sung by Mrs. Byxbee, followed by a duet by Mrs. Corbert & Mrs. Byxbee.

Mrs. Rosebrook read a poem.

A tribute to the memory of Miss Clapp in a short biography of her was read by Mrs. Karns; Mrs. Pomeroy read a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Looney.

Mrs. Crook was memorialized in a short account of her by Mrs. Green.

Mrs. Emory gave an account of Mrs. Redding. Mrs. Bradford spoke feelingly in memory of Mrs. Tarfy. The Pres made some feeling remarks in reference to these departed members & also to Dr. Wycoff, late husband of our own Mrs. Wycoff.

Program for the afternoon in charge of Mrs. park, subject, Peace. Mrs. Tyler gave a review of the book "Lay Down Your Arms" Mrs. Soper read a paper by J. D. Hauser "The Ethics of War." This was one of the "peace" essays receiving a Bonheim prize. Strong remarks on peace and on the absurdities of war were made by Mrs. Park, she also read a poem The Boys Brigade and other selections.

The Pres. spoke of the danger of the use of firearms by minors & asked if the club wished to pass a resolution asking the town trustees to pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale of firearms to minors; - subject was left for further investigation.

Adjourned

Deborah H. Vail - secretary.

Jan 4" 1909

The regular meeting of the Executive Board took place on this date at the residence of Mrs. Green. The president in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read & approved.

Report made by Mrs. Alderton on the subject of a lecture to be given by Mrs. Ashbee on the subject of Handicrafts.

Motion made by Mrs. Soper that as no program had been arranged for Jan. 20", that the meeting be devoted to business unless arrangements could be made with Mrs. Ashbee for that date. - carried.

Motion that date of lecture be left open to suit Mrs. Ashbee's plans. carried.

A committee app't to manage all details viz. Mrs. Alderton, Mrs. Soper, & Mrs. Roller.

Subject of club luncheon discussed. Announcement made of Home & School meeting at the high school Jan. 12". Bills of \$2.30 & \$4.00 for printing & plate ordered paid.

Adjourned to meet at call of the president.

M. S. Alderton secy protm

Deborah H. Vail secretary.

Jan 6 - 09 The Womans Club met in Library Hall - Min of last meeting read & approved.

President announced the death of Mr. Cushing. Motion, a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Cushing - carried. Min. of Executive board of Jan 4" read. Adoption of min left to next

meeting.

Mrs. Park read a letter from Cal Board of Health appreciative of work one here in anti-expectoration movement. Mrs. P. also announced that the "Bird & Arbor Day" bill will shortly be introduced into the legislature by Senator Black, also a bill making the mother equal guardian with the father. She showed copies of the "humane" calendar.

Pres. announced dates of meetings of Club sections & of Home & School meeting Jan. 12"

The subject of the town charter was then taken up. Mrs. Charles was first introduced. He showed many salient points of contrast between our present form of government & that incorporated in the proposed charger & noted advantages to be gained by the charter.

Mrs Wing told how the freeholders arrived at their plan for the charter by investigating the charters of other cities.

Mrs. Vail spoke of the initiative & referendum provisions of the charter & also of prohibition clause to be voted upon separately.

Prof Sanford gave reasons why he was not in favor of the adoption of the charter. Prof Templeton told how the charter would help the schools of Palo Alto.

Deborah H. Vail secretary.

Jan 9th - 09 A meeting of the Executive board adjourned from Jan 4" met at the call of the President.

Min of two previous meetings of ex. bd read. Moved the action of the Ex. board of Dec 7" to appoint a new committee to have charge of festival & building fund, be rescinded - carried.

No further business voted upon.

Adjourned

Deborah H. Vail - secretary

Jan 20 - 09 The Womans Club met on this date in Fraternity Hall Annex. Quorum present. Minutes of executive board of Jan 4" read & approved. Minutes of adjourned meeting of Jan 9" read. Min of regular meeting of Jan 6" read & approved. Treasurer read report of expenditures for past year from June 4 08 shows balance in treasury of \$89.00. Bill of \$1.50 for rent of Fraternity Hall ordered paid. Then adjourned to the main hall, where a large company gathered to listen to a lecture by Mr. Ashbee of England, architect & artist. Subject, "Arts & Crafts in Education."

The President made a few remarks & asked Prof to introduce the speaker, who held an interested audience for more than an hour.

Deborah H. Vail, secretary

Jan 27 09 The Club held a luncheon in Fraternity Hall.

Fob 1st 09. The Executive Board met on this date. Minutes of previous regular meeting & of the adjourned mtg read & approved. Names of Mrs. R. J. Albert, Mrs. Cleeninger [?] & Mrs. Fitzgerald, submitted for membership. Motion made - seconded - passed. Announcement of Home & School meeting Fob 9" at Grammar school, subject "manual training."

Resolution concerning the holding of a meeting of the Alliance of Santa Clara County on Saturday March 27. Following Committee appointed. Mrs. Schofield, Anthony, Guyett, Newsome, Alderton. Moved & seconded that the regular club meeting of Fob 3" be held in Ramona Hall carried- (on condition that the hall is ready) Mrs. Thompson to investigate & decide, President given privilege of calling adjourned meeting. Bill of printing to T. A. Stuart of \$4.00 voted paid.

M. S. Alderton secy protem

Deborah H Vail recording secy.

Fob 3 - 1909. The Woman's Club meeting was called to order at 2:45. President in the chair. Minutes of Jan 20 read (by Mrs. Al L. Park (secretary protem) & approved. Min. of Ex bd of Fob 1st read & approved. Chair announced the arrival of Miss Jane Brownlee in S. F. Action postponed to later in the afternoon. Circular letter of Cal Club about "Joint Custodian bill" read. Pres. called Mrs. Thompson to the chair who introduced the speaker of the afternoon Dr. J. M. Motley of Stanford who gave an address on the Juvenile Court. A solo was rendered by Miss Smith.

At the close of the public meeting the club was called together to finish arrangements for the Brownlee lecture.

Mrs. Park, Mrs. M. Bell & Mrs. J. W. Roller were appointed a committee to arrange for the meeting. A. L. Park secy protem

by Deborah H. Vail rec secretary

Feb. 11" - 09 A called meeting of the Executive Board was held at the above date at the residence of Mrs. Weisshaar, Mesdames Schofield, Stuart, Green, Alderton, Soper, Allen, Weisshaar, Thompson, Shipman & Roller being present. President in the chair. Reading of the original minutes made by Mrs. Alderton at the special executive meeting of May 25" 1908 - Discussion followed. Motion by Mrs. Soper to repudiate the type-written minutes of the executive meeting of May 25" 1908 which had been inserted in the minute book by some person other than the secretary, & to insert the secretary's minutes of same date, seconded by Mrs. Weisshaar. carried.

Motion by Mrs. Weisshaar that it be recommended to the club that the typewritten minutes of June 4" 1908 inserted in the minute book by some person other than the secretary be repudiated, & that the minutes of the secretary be presented to the club for approval. seconded by Mrs. Shipman, carried.

Reading of a letter from Mr. Joseph Hutchinson dated February 10, 1909 enclosing bill of \$112.90 court charges in the Mullen suit against the Gymnasium Committee. No action taken.

Marion S. Alderton secy protem

by Deborah H. Vail recording sec'y.

Feb. 15 1909

A called meeting of the Executive Board was held at the residence of Mrs. Schofield, the President in the chair. Present, Mesdames Green, Schofield, Roller, Weisshaar, Stuart, Soper, Alderton. Motion by Mrs. Roller to report to the club the offer of Mr. Mullen to settle the matter of the suit against the Gymnasium committee for the sum of \$620. seconded by Mrs. Soper, carried. Chair appointed Mrs. Soper & Mrs. Weisshaar to accompany the President, to confer with Mr. Mullen upon the subject & make report.

Motion by Mrs. Alderton that the bill of \$112.90 court charges in the Mullen suit against the Gymnasium committee be returned to Mr. Hutchinson, seconded by Mrs. Schofield. carried.

Marion S. Alderton sec. protem

by Deborah H. Vail, secretary.

February 17 . 09

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Fraternity Hall at this date. the following members being present. Mesdames Karns, Roller, Weisshaar, Hughes, Schofield (Miss) Klevenger, Dans, Wright Nepham Gill Soper, Dibble, Lakin, Gossett, Steininger, Mercer,

Rosebrook, Stuart, Park, Osborne, Rogers, La Piere, Kennedy Dill Thompson Tyler Corbert Anthony Dr. Bell Green Alderton & others.

The president in the chair.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$51.02 on hand. Motion by Mrs. Rogers to the effect the chair be asked to appoint a secretary for the day, seconded, carried. Chair appointed Mrs. Alderton secy for the day. Treasurer presented bills from the Times Publishing Company for cards \$8.00, for the Tribune Co. for tickets \$1.25, from Las Palmas Nursery --

Motion that treasurer be asked to investigate & pay the bills, seconded carried. Treasurer announced the receipts from the Brownlee lecture to be \$11.00 expenses \$17.00. tickets & cards \$9.00. A member announced the further sum of \$1.00 receipts. Motion by Mrs. Rogers, the bills be paid, seconded - carried.

Reading of minutes of called executive meeting of Feb. 15 - 09. Motion by Mrs. La Piere the minutes be adopted.

Thorough discussion of subject of minutes followed with explicit statement by the president of the situation and expression of opinions by others - minutes adopted.

Statement of plan to arrange for payment of \$620 to Mr. Mullen made by the president. - said plan being to utilize a part of the Autumn Festival Fund, leaving the sum of \$100. Said Festival fund being \$525. The sum to be utilized would be \$425.00. For the remainder of the sum of \$620 it was suggest giving a note to the Bank of Palo Alto, the amount being \$195.00 Discussion followed. Motion by Mrs. Stuart to authorize the withdrawal of \$425 from Festival Fund and the borrowing of \$125 from the Bank of Palo Alto for ninety days for the purpose of settling with Mr. Mullen, seconded & carried.

Statement by the President that the sum of \$620 would cover the entire liability.

Motion by Mrs. Tyler to appoint Mrs. Karns & Mrs. Weisshaar to be present at the time of the settlement. seconded & carried. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted

Marian S. Alderton secretary pro tem
by Deborah H. Vail recording secretary.

Fob 26 The club held a luncheon for its members & their guests in Fraternity, followed by addresses & music.

March 1st - 09. The Executive Board of the Womans Club met at the home of Mrs. Schofield. Minutes of the regular executive board of Feb. 1st also of the called meetings of ex bd of Fob 11" & 15" were read, voted to adopt these minutes. Minutes of regular club meeting of Fob 17 read.

Secy read a copy of resolution to be presented to next club meeting, authorizing the president & secretary of Womans club to borrow \$195 from the Bank of Palo Alto to cover indebtedness on gymnasium debt and sign notes for same.

Mrs. Schofield moved the adoption of this resolution - carried.

Bill from Mr. A. E. Malcolm of \$7.50 for legal services in Mullen suit was presented. Moved by Mrs. Parkinson the bill be paid - carried.

Discussion of plans for payment of the \$195 balance on Mullen debt. Moved that Mesdames Weishaar, Soper, Bradford & Karns be appointed a committee to look after the collection of this sum.

Subject of having food sales discussed. Mrs. Roller presented the name of Mrs. T. L Willard for membership - noted. Mrs. Karns suggested a plan for raising money called the calendar plan. No action taken. Mrs. Rosebrook suggested we secure a safe deposit box in the Bank for the deposit of important papers belonging to the Club. Moved this recommendation be made to the club.

Carried. Then adjourned.

Deborah H. Vail recording secy

March 3" 1909 The Womans Club met in Ramona Hall, Present Mesdames Green, Park, Thompson, Anthony, Rosebrook, Tyler, Hughes, Allen, Soper, Osborne, Bradford, Hyde, Karns, & others.

Minutes of last regular meeting read & with slight alteration adopted.

Min of executive board of Mar 1st read & adopted. President explained the plan proposed for raising the \$195 in indebtedness in Gym suit, of passing a paper among our club members for subscriptions . President gave notices of meetings of sections. Letter read from C. H. Ruber, Dean of summer session at the University of Cal announcing interesting courses of study to be given the coming summer. Mrs. Karns read report of the committee appointed to finish settlement of claim against the gymnasium committee of Womans Club. Moved by Mrs. Bradford seconded by Mrs. Tyler this report be accepted. carried. Secretary read copy of Satisfaction of Judgment in the matter of the Mullen suit. Moved & seconded the secy be instructed to purchase a new book for recording the club proceedings. Motion lost. at [?] P.m., the president called Mrs. Hughes to the chair to take charge of the program on foreign travel. Mrs. Karns gave an account of her travels in Spain. Mrs. Wm Hyde told in a very interesting manner of the wonderful novelties & beauties of Norway as seen by her in a journey to that country twelve years ago. Miss Burnham gave an account of her novel experience in a Russian home or estate.

Mrs. Hughes narrated her own thrilling experience in climbing the Alps.

The meeting adjourned

Deborah H. Vail, secretary.

[the following report of the Committee on Woman's Club letterhead was pinned to the page in the minutes book]

Report of the Committee appointed to conclude the settlement of the suit against the Gymnasium Committee of the Club. Feb. Thea 1909.

The Committee saw Mr. P. Mullen at the office of the City attorney Mr. H. Malcolm and after full consideration of all points involved in the terms of the settlement--finally reached the understanding that the money would be paid to Mr. Mullen when the suit was dismissed in the Superior Court at San Jose and the terms of the settlement were also filed in the same court.

Fob 19th the committee and other members of the Executive Board met at the home of Mrs. Wm Scofield 800 University Avenue. at 3:00 pm

Mr. Malcolm appeared before the committee and presented a copy of "Satisfaction of Judgment" which had been filed by Mr. Mullen in the Superior Court.

The committee being entirely satisfied that the settlement had been legally concluded, authorized Mr. Malcolm to turn over the check of \$620.00 on the Bank of Palo Alto to Mr. Peter Mullen, the receipt for the same being attached to the document above mention a "Satisfaction of Judgment" as recorded in the office of the Superior Court San Jose Feb 19th 1909.

Respectfully Submitted

Committee for the Woman's Club of Palo Alto {Mrs. E. G. Greene
 { Mrs. E. S. Karns
 {Mrs. E. J. Weisshaar

Mar 17th 1909 The Woman's Club of Palo Alto met in Ramona Hall President in the chair.
Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Letter from secretary of executive comm. of Portola Festival in San Francisco was read,

asking the club to endorse the same. Moved our club endorse the Portola Festival carried.

The president spoke of a letter from the pres. of Cal. Federation of Women's Clubs asking our club to contribute to a fund for a club house for Cal University women. Moved by Mrs. Bell the cor secretary be instructed to reply that the club will be unable to give assistance in this line the present year. - carried.

Pres. made announcements of section meetings & spoke of Alliance mtg for March 27" to be held in Fraternity Hall. also announced meetings for April. Pres. asked for report of com. to collect subscriptions to gymnasium debt. Mrs. Karns & Mrs. Weisshaar said they could not make a definite report, as many who were solicited asked time to consider.

Moved by Mrs. Rosebrook that it be ordered that no minutes be recorded in the minute book by any other person than the acting secretary of the club. carried.

Letter read, from Dr. Baldwin in regard to donating toward the settlement of the gymnasium suit & asking the club to name a sum for his consideration.

Moved by Mrs. Rosebrook that Dr. Baldwin be asked to give a minimum of one hundred dollars (for the above purpose) seconded - carried.

Moved that no person be appointed to serve in a club com. who is not a member of the Club.

Moved by Mrs. Roller that the gymnasium accounts be looked over and an estimate made of its cost to the club - seconded - carried.

At 3:30 the pres introduced Miss West who gave an interesting paper on "domestic science. She told of complete courses as taught in two schools in Los Angeles & other places.

Deborah H. Vail, secretary

March 27 The Womans Club entertained the county alliance of Women Clubs. The following clubs were represented. The Fortnightly, Manzanita, Willow, Art & Monday Club of San Jose & the San Jose Womans Club., Santa Clara Club, Mt. View Club, Sunnyvale Club, Scocia Club, Mayfield Club & Santa Clara Shakespeare Club.

After an address of welcome to the visiting clubs, the pres Mrs. Green introduced Mrs. Schofield who took charge of the program.

1st French horn solo "Evening song" by Norman B. Schofield 2" Paper by Mr. Hilyard "Genius of Women" 3" Solo, Mrs. Winegartner (responded to encore) 4" Paper by Mrs. Morrison on Julia Ward Howe. 5" Solo by Dr. Little, "Creole Love Song" (encore) 6" Lullaby, instrumental by Norman and [?] Schofield.

April 2 Ex. bd of club met but as a quorum was not present no business was transacted.

April 7 - 09. The Womans Club Ex board met in Ramona Hall previous to the regular club meeting quorum present. Discussion of entertainments - moved & seconded we have an entertainment this month under care of music section before the food sale. carried. - adjourned.

Deborah H. Vail secretary

Recommendation that five members be appointed a nominating com. one from among founders , one from new members, three from general membership, one of whom shall be nominated by the president.

April 7" 09. The Womans Club met in Ramona Hall. President in the chair. Min. of last mtg read & approved. Min of Ex bd read & acted upon by topics. Moved by Mrs. Bradford we have the entertainment under the auspices of the music section seconded carried.

Moved by Mrs. Karns we have a food sale on May 8 seconded-carried.

Moved the suggestion of Ex. bd in regard to appointment of a nominating committee be accepted, seconded, carried.

Nominating board appointed as follows: from founders, Mrs. Lakin, new members Mrs. Fletcher, Club at large, Mrs. Karns, Mrs. Tyler. Mrs. Upham appointed by the President.

Bills of 63 cents to Mrs. Park & of \$1.55 to Mrs. Steifer ordered paid.

Treasurer's report read & adopted. Report from soliciting com. as follows: Total collected \$31.75, promised \$47.00 total \$98.75.

The pres brought up subject of our club withdrawing from the general federation. Subject deferred.

Letter read, from dist chairman of "History & Landmarks" in regard to placing bell sign posts along the El Camino Real, subject left for further consideration. adjourned for 2 min recess.

Program in charge of Mrs. Varney, chairman of French section. 1st piano solo by Miss Arnott. 2 address by Mrs. A. A. Goddard of Sacramento, sate chairman of History and Landmarks, "The Quest of the Ideal"

3 Piano solo Miss Ethel Gordon

4 Recitation in French by Miss Blanche Beal

5 Piano solo Miss Arnott

6 Reading Miss Ramsey

Mrs. Hart dist' chairman History & Landmarks explained the plan of placing bell sign posts along mission roads.

Pres announced mtg of art section.

adjourned

Deborah H. Vail secretary

April 14 - 09 A special meeting of the Womans Club met in Library Hall for the purpose of nominating a woman candidate on the board of school trustees. The president asked Mesdames Roller, Rosebrook, Dibble, Alderton & Bradford to secure at least five names, each, of voters as supporters of our candidate, to present to the board of trustees.

Mrs. Rosebrook moved the nomination of Mrs. C. L Place as our candidate seconded & carried unanimously.

The president asked Mrs. Alderton to escort Mrs. Place from her office to the hall.

Mrs. Place appeared & gracefully accepted the nomination.

After some announcements by the President, the meeting adjourned.

Deborah H Vail secretary.

April 21st - 09 The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Ramona Hall.

The hall was handsomely decorated with curios of Indian, Phillipine, Central American, Japanese, & Mexican art & water color paintings loaned by Miss Lillian Howard of Santa Cruz.

Pres. in the chair. Min of last regular meeting read & approved.

The Pres asked for discussion of the subject of our club withdrawing from the national federation. no action taken. The Pres. appointed the following committee on the food sale for May 8, viz Mesdames Anthony, Rosebrook, Hindley, Templeton, Upham, Fletcher, Dwight, Byxbee, Bradford, Mrs. Eva Bell, Soper, Pomeroy, Rogers.

Pres announced alliance meeting at Santa Clara on Sat the 2", chair announced the nomination by the club of Mrs. C. L. Place on the school board, & also her election. The first woman elected to an office in this town.

Nominating com. was not ready to report. The pres. spoke of the Home & school meeting on

Tuesday of this week & of the subject of the comic supplement to Sunday newspapers being discussed. A protest was ordered sent to the San Francisco papers in the name of the club.

The pres spoke of our club having a free bed in the new hospital, no action taken. Then followed the election of delegates to the state convention to be held at Del Monte May 19 to 22. The nominees Mesdames Bradford, Anthony, Karns & Schofield. Balloting followed. Mrs. Tyler & Mrs. Fitzgerald appointed tellers.

Moved the two receiving the smallest number of votes be considered alternate delegates. carried.

Mrs. Tyler announced result of balloting, Mrs. Schofield 14, Mrs. Karns, 13, Mrs Bradford 12, Mrs. Anthony 11.

Mrs. Park spoke of the militia company being formed in our town & asked the club to express itself on the subject. Moved by Mrs. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Osborne that this club offer a resolution of protest against such an organization being formed in our town.

After discussion it was moved & seconded the motion be laid on the table. - carried.

At 3:15 the program for the afternoon was taken up.

Mrs. Mercer read a very interesting paper on life in the Phillipines & displayed a table of curios collected by herself.

Mrs. Bushnell read a paper on the "Need of Art in Education."

Miss Steinbach explained an exhibit from Central America collected while residing in that country.

A paper by Miss Cornelia Taber on "the needs of the Indian" was to have been read by Mrs. Morrison, but as time was limited Mrs. M. read some explanatory letters.

Mrs. Du Bell showed some Indian exhibits, Mrs. Rosebrook explained the fine Sumi [?] Indian collection loaned by Mr. Harnben. Adjourned, Deborah H. Vail rec secy

May 3" 1909 The Woman's Club executive board met on this date. Minutes of last executive meeting read & approved.

Letter from Mrs. Viola Franklin, chairmen of dept. of Education asking our club to subscribe to a scholarship in some small college, the sum of five or ten dollars. Discussion followed. Moved by Mrs. Alderton that we recommend the payment of five dollars toward such a scholarship, seconded & carried. Mrs. Anthony reported expenses & receipts of entertainment by Music Section. Net proceeds near thirty six dollars.

Mrs. Anthony also spoke of plans for food sale on May 8". & recommended that the sale be postponed to one week later. Moved the sale be postponed until the 13th seconded & carried. The president read a letter received from Mr. Baldwin in reply to one written to him by direction of the club asking for a donation of one hundred dollars toward the gymnasium debt. He refused the payment of the sum asked.

Moved by Mrs. Schofield that our club request the "Votes for Women Club" to change the name of their club, as the name is confounded in the public mind with the name of the "Woman's Club of Palo Alto." - seconded - carried.

Adjourned

Deborah H. Vail rec. secy.

May 5th 1909. The regular annual meeting of the "Woman's Club of Palo Alto" was held on this date. President called the club to order at 2:15. Quorum present. Minutes of last meeting read & approved. Minutes of executive board of May 3" read & adopted.

Pres asked for consideration of a subject, deferred from last meeting, of our withdrawing from the National Federation. Discussion followed. Moved by Mrs. Tyler that we withdraw from

the Nat. Federation. seconded - carried.

Bill of 40 cts to Fuller & Co & bill to Mrs. Green for expenses paid for club of \$3.90 ordered paid.

(May 5 - 09) Report of Cor secy read & approved.

Moved to postpone the regular meeting of May 19" to May 26. seconded - carried.

Report of rec. secy read & accepted. The treasurer gave a partial report which was read & accepted. Then followed reports from departments. Literary section by Mrs. Schofield - accepted. Music section reported by Mrs. Anthony - accepted. The The president reported for Art & French sections & for the home & school section.

Civic section reported by Mrs. Thompson. The pres. presented a condensed & interesting summary of the past year's work of the club.

Moved by Mrs. Schofield - the pres' report be accepted & published in the daily papers - seconded - carried. Pres gave notice of future motion for change in by-laws.

Election of officers appointed tellers. Report of nominating Com read nominees as follows. Pres. Mrs. Karns. vice pres Mrs. Dibble, rec Secy Mrs. Dingley, Treasurer Mrs. Weisshaar. There being no nominations from the floor for pres it was moved the secy cast the ballot for Mrs. Karns for pres. the coming year. - seconded- carried. Mrs. Karns declared elected.

Mrs. Schofield made appreciation remarks for the retiring president.

Roll call was made by the treasurer - 42 members present.

Regular nominee for v. pres. Mrs. Dibble. No further nominations being offered, the secy was directed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Dibble for v. pres. Mrs. Dibble declared elected--Regular nominee for rec. secy. Mrs. Dingley. There being no nominations from the floor for secy -- the secy was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Dingley for recording secretary.

Mrs. Charlotte Dingley declared elected.

Nominee for treasurer Mrs. Weisshaar - moved nominations be closed & that the secy cast the ballot for Mrs. Weisshaar for treasurer. Mrs. Weisshaar declared elected.

it was moved by separate motion upon each of the following names for Directors, that the nominations close & that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for each in turn & mesdames Green, Mercer, Schofield, Upham, Lakin, Rosebrook, and Mrs. Geo Allen were in turn declared elected.

The Pres urged every member to join heartily in the plan to make the proposed food sale a success.

Mrs. Templeton resigned from the com. on food sale.

Bill of 40 cents to Mr. Bachus for rent of dishes - ordered paid.

Adjourned

Deborah H. Vail rec secy.

May 26" 1909 The regular meeting of the Woman's Club postponed from May 19" was held on this date. The president not being able to attend the meeting, the vice pres. Mrs. Soper, presided.

Minutes of last meeting read & with slight correction approved.

Name of Grace W. Gardiner presented for membership.

Moved by Mrs. Bradbury that Mrs. Geo Allen be nominated as custodian for the coming year. - Discussion followed.

As it was deemed unconstitutional to elect a member of the executive board to another office, the motion was withdrawn, & the subject left for further consideration.

Moved the regular meeting of the Home & School section be held on June 1st at the High School.

seconded carried. Mesdames Bradford, Folsom, and Zschokke were appointed a committee on refreshments.

Then followed reports from the delegates to the state convention at Del Monte- Mrs. Bradford told of visits to the old missions, & of meeting with John Muir who was a guest at the hotel.

Mrs. Karns told of the entertainments given to the visitors & also spoke on the general work of the convention.

Mrs. Thompson gave "general impressions" foremost of which in her mind, was the word "brainy."

Treasurer gave final report for the year.

Bal in hand \$19.90

Receipts from food sale \$28.10

Due on club note \$42.00

Since the opening of this meeting ten dollars had been donated & fifteen more promised making a balance of \$17.00 (seventeen dollars) still due of club note.

The chair introduced our new president Mrs. Karns who gave a short address. Adjourned A reception to the new officers then followed. Deborah H. Vail rec secy.

[three pages folded into book, "Report of Finance Committee of the Woman's Club Autumn Festival Held in the Skating Rink September 27 - 28, 1907. Summary of detailed information follows]

Receipts, \$612.40

Expenditures 310.78

Balance in Festival Fund \$301.62

May 26, 1909

The regular meeting of the Woman's club postponed from May 19th was held on this date. The president not being able to attend the meeting, vice pres. Mrs. Soper presided. Minutes of the last meeting read and with slight correction, approved.

Name of Grace W. Gardener presented for membership.

Moved by Mrs. Bradbury that Mrs. Geo. Allen be nominated as Custodian for the coming yr. Discussion followed and as it was deemed unconstitutional to elect a member of the Executive board to another office, the motion was withdrawn, and the subject left for further consideration. Moved the regular meeting of the home and school section be held June 1st at the high school, seconded, and carried.

Mesdames Bradford, Tolsan and Zschokke appointed a com. on refreshments.

Then followed reports from delegates to the state convention at Del Monte. Mrs. Bradford told of visits to the old missions and of meeting with John Muir who was a guest at the hotel. Mrs. Karns told of entertainments given to the visitor and also spoke on the general work of the convention. Mrs. Thompson gave "general impressions" foremost of which in her mind was "brainy." Treasurer gave final report for the year. Balance on hand \$19.90. Due us on Club note \$42. Since the opening of this meeting \$10 had been donated and \$15 promised, making a balance of \$17 due on Club note.

The chair introduced our new president Mrs. Karns who gave a short address. Adjourned.

A reception to the new officers then followed.

Deborah H. Vail

rec. secy.

Officers of Club 1909-1910

President, Mrs. Karns

Vice President Mrs. Dibble

Secretary Mrs. Dingley

Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Stuart

Treasurer, Mrs. Weisshaar

Auditor, Mrs. Geo. Parkinson

Custodian Mrs. Allen

Directors: Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Upham, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Penfield, Mrs. Lakin, Mrs. Rosebrook and Mrs. Greene

June 1909 to May 1910

Missing: June 1909 to June 1910

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Annual Summary

June 1909 to May 1910

No. of board meetings: 15

Board: Mmes. Karn, Dibble, Dingley, Weisshaar, Stuart, Parkinson, Allen

Directors: Mmes. Mercer, Upham, Allen, Penfield, Rosebrook, Greene, Lakin

Departments and Chairs

Decoration: Mrs. Lakin

Membership: Mrs. Greene

Music: Mrs. Anthony

Legislative: Mrs. Park

Civics: Mrs. Thompson

Art: Mrs. Bushnell

Social: Mrs. Guyett

Philanthropy: Mrs. Gilbert

French: Mrs. Varney

Literature: Mrs. Schofield

Finances

Financial reports: (July 1, Sept. 15, Dec. 6,15, Feb. 7, May 2,7,18)

Club lot (June 7, Oct. 6, Jan. 3, Mar. 7, May 2, 4, 25)

Fund Raising

Calendar Project to raise money for Club House (July 1 Sept.15 Oct.6 Jan .5)

Gymnasium Fund (Oct. 6)

Festival Fund (Oct.6, Nov. 8,16, Dec.15, Jan.3)

Valentine/Easter card sale (Jan 17, Feb. 2,16, Mar. 2, Apr. 6)

Anti-Tuberculosis Stamps (Nov. 1)

Action/Event

Club Calendar in Times June 7

Scholarship Fund "for some small college." (June 7)

El Camino Real-Native Sons and Daughters July 1, Sept. 15

Santa Clara Co. Alliance meeting (Sept. 6,15 Mar.16 Apr. 4)

Holiday for Portola Fete (Oct. 4) Needlework Guild (Oct.4,6 Nov.17)

Poison Oak, awnings in P.A. (Oct. 6)

Cal. Federation of Woman's Clubs (Oct. 27, Dec 1,15 Jan. 3,5 Feb.7 Mar. 16)

Colonial Ball (Dec.15, Jan. 3,5, Feb. 2, Mar. 7)

YWCA Rest Room in Palo Alto (Dec. 15, May 4)

Neighborhoods ++++++(May 18)+++++

Hypnotic Exhibition (Apr. 6, 20, May 25)

Forestry Bill (Mar. 7, Apr. 20)

Club and Chamber of Commerce plan booth at S.J. Festival (May 4,18)

Plan yearbook for the coming year. (May 18)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Mrs. O. B. Schweitzer, Nurses' Settlement in Ohio,spoke of work

with poor in San Francisco. (Sept. 15)

Mrs. Park spoke about the Seattle Fair and impressions of Seattle. (Oct. 6)

Mr. Shedd spoke on "A Trip Through Holland." (Oct. 6)

Miss D'Arcy Gow spoke on "Building and Furniture of a Home." (Oct. 27)

Daughter's Day (Oct. 4)

Mrs. Bender spoke about the Needlework Guild of America. (Nov. 17)

Mrs. Osborne spoke on Civil Service Reform. (Dec. 1)

Mrs. Baldwin spoke on Juvenile Court Law. (Dec. 1)

Mrs. Gilbert spoke about her trip to England and Germany. (Dec. 15)

Senator Marshall Black spoke on "Insurgents in Politics." (Jan. 5)

Miss Maude Stevens spoke on the "British Crisis in the House of Lords." (Jan. 5)

Father Charles Sune spoke on "Joan D'Arc." (Feb. 16)

Dr. Jordan,Stanford, spoke on "Woman Suffrage" (meeting open to public) (Mar 2)

Rev. Robert Sesnon spoke on "Padre Junipero Serra." (Mar. 16)

Rev. Clarence Reed spoke on "A Winter in Egypt." (Apr. 20)

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Annual Summary for Month/Year: From August 1910 to ^{June} May 1911

Summary of Minutes (Compiled by Joan Baldwin Holland)

No. of board meetings: 8

Board: Mmes. Karns, Dibble, Dingley, Weisshaar, George, Scofield, Culver, Steineger,
Mercer, Upham, Penfield, Anthony, and Lakin

Departments and Chairs

Current Events: Mrs. Dibble

Membership: Mrs. Bradford

Legislative: Mrs. Park

Decoration: Mrs. McKinnely

Finances

Financial Reports, (Mar. 13, Apr. 5, May 1, June 5)

Club lot, Sept. 21

Fund Raising

Magazine (Sept. 5, 21 Oct. 5, 19 Nov. 2, 16 Dec. 7 Jan. 16 Feb. 1 Mar. 1, 13, 15 Apr. 5),

Yearbook (Aug. 1) Samuel Bean Benefit (May 1, 24)

Action/Events

Palo Alto: Supported public park in P.A. (Sept. 5), public rest rooms (Jan. 2, 4)
member for Palo Alto Board of Education (Apr. 3, 4)

P. A. City Council to bar women from serving on Library Board (Dec. 1, Apr. 3, 5)

Panama Exhibition (Oct. 5, Mar. 15)

Federation of Women's Clubs (Oct. 5, 19)

Supported: Teacher's Pension (Oct. 5)

Big Basin set apart as a forest reservation. (Jan. 2, 4); Curfew Law (Feb. 1)

8 hour Law for Women (Feb. 6); Club Women's Franchise League (May 3)

Funding of Tuberculosis sanatorium (Dec. 7 Jan. 2, 4)

Bak Entertainment . (Nov. 7, 16 Jan. 2, 4)

Mayfield Improvement Club (Nov. 16) Consumer's League (Dec. 5, 7)

Community Petition to refrain from buying after 6 p.m. (Dec. 7)

Move meetings from Ramona Hall to Masonic Hall (Dec. 21 Jan. 2, 4 Feb. 1)

Support: Red Light Injunction and Abatement Bill No. 1014 (Mar. 1)

Support for Juvenile Court Bill (Feb. 6)

By law revisions (Feb. 6 Mar. 15 Apr. 5),

Citizen Company (Mar. 13, 15 Apr. 5)

Mail Carriers petition on Sunday closing (Apr. 3)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Mrs. Karns read a paper on the Passion Play. (Sept. 21)

Mrs. Gilbert read a paper on "Impressions of Rome." (Oct. 5)

A play, "The Kleptomaniac," was presented on Daughter's Day. (Nov. 2)

Miss Wilson spoke on Color Photography. (Nov. 16)

Mrs. Merriman spoke on Juvenile Courts. (Dec. 7)

Mr. Smikins spoke on the New Materialism. (Jan. 4)

Mrs. Greene spoke on Waterways, Conservation of Natural Resources. (Jan. 4)

Mrs. Place spoke on Mexico. (Feb. 1)

Prof. Burt Estes, Why Women should study Municipal Government. (Feb. 15)

Prof. Bassett spoke on Tennyson's "Idylls of a King." (Mar. 11)

Mrs. Harslie spoke on Costume Design. (Mar. 15)

Mrs. Park spoke about Miss Pankhurst speaking in S. F (Mar. 15)

Mrs. Mercer read a paper on "Life in the Philippine Islands." (Apr. 5)

Mrs. Gilbert spoke on Suffrage (Apr. 19)

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto Minutes

Transcription from August 1910 to June 1911

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Executive Board, August 1, 1910

The Executive Board of the Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. Dingley Aug. 1. Present Mrs. Dibble, George, Scofield, Culver, Steineger and Dingley. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Dibble presided. Mrs. George moved that Mrs. McKinnely be elected Chairman the Decoration Com. Carried. Mrs. Culver moved that Mrs. Bradford be elected Chairman of the Membership Com. Carried. Mrs. Dibble consented to be Chairman of Current Events. Mrs. Dingley moved that Mrs. Dibble be empowered to arrange for the Chairmanship of the Art Dept. Carried. It was moved that it be left to the judgment of Mrs. Culver and Mrs. Weisshaar to arrange for the number of year books, greet. cards and invitations Carried. Mrs. Scofield moved that each club member be sent two invitations for the reception. Carried. Mrs. Scofield moved that Mrs. LaPiere be Chairman of the Refreshment Committee for the reception. Carried.

C. G. Dingley

Executive Board, September 5

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held, Monday Sept. 5th at the home of Mrs. Dingley. Present Mrs. Karns, Steineger, Culver, Dibble, Lakin, Penfield, Dingley, Weisshaar. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A letter was read from Mrs. Watkins asking for the pleasure of lecturing before the Club. Mrs. Lakin moved that Mrs. Watkins be notified that the program was full. Carried. A letter from Prof. Dudley was read requesting that the Woman's Club take the initiative in the matter securing the Shephard Block for a public park. The main discussion was on the subject of money making for the year and the plan of issuing a promotion paper or magazine was fully detailed by Mrs. Karns, Pres. The board agreed that it would be wise, and Mrs. Lakin moved that the board recommend that the Club discuss the advisability of issuing a Christmas promotion paper or magazine for Santa Clara Co. Sec. by Mrs. Ptemiger. Carried.

Mrs. Madge Rector was elected a member of the Club. The Committees for the annual reception reported. It was moved and seconded that the Time Calendar be continued during the year, and that Ramona Hall be engaged for the year.

September 21, 1910

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club, the first of the new Club year, was held, Wed. Sept. 21st in Ramona Hall. The minutes of the May 25th Special Meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Bradford reported for the committee on the sale of the Club Lot; that the Com. called on the man who expressed and desire for the lot, and found him not ready to buy. Mrs. Bell moved that the report be accepted. Carried. A report was asked for from the Committee appointed to attend meetings of the town board during the summer. Mrs. Park being absent, there was no report. The recommendation by the Board, that the Club discuss the advisability of issuing a Christmas Promotion paper or magazine for Santa Clara Co., was approved. Mrs. Karns explained the project at length telling what she had done in interviewing publishers, and also the style of magazine desired. Two definite propositions had been obtained by Mrs. Karns. One from the Times Publishing Co. who offered 5,000 copies of a magazine for \$942 provided the magazine had 100 pages. The Grace Pub. Co. of San Jose offered the same for \$600 in a cheaper paper. An open discussion was held, and the opinion expressed was favorable to a magazine of some kind. Mrs. Bradford moved that the Club issue a Christmas edition of either a magazine or paper, and that the Pres. appointed a Committee to attend to the preliminary details of publishing the same, to report in two weeks. Sec. by Miss Hughes, Carried unanimously.

The Club then listened to the very interesting paper on the Passion Play by Mrs. Karns, President. The names of Mrs. Rector, Mrs. Lucy and Mrs. Buchanan were read as new members.

C.G. Dingley, Sec.

Executive Board Meeting, October, 1910

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No quorum present.

October 5, 1910

The regular meeting of the Women's Club of Palo Alto was held in Ramona Hall Oct. 5th. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Karns, President, name the Committee she had appointed to work with her on the Promotion Magazine; viz., Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Place, Mrs. Scofield and Mrs. Stuart. Mrs. Karns, Chairman, reported what had been done during the two weeks as to advertising and circulation. A market for 3,000 copies had been practically assured, the Chamber of Commerce of Palo Alto to take 2,000 copies, and the supervisors of the county, probably a thousand. The Chair had secured \$ 312 1/2 in display ads. The Times Co. reconsidered their bid of the week before and offered to give 5,000 copies for \$625. They had also made a dummy of the magazine for Mrs. Karns, to use in soliciting ads. The proposition presented to various people and bodies by the Committee was favorably received and the Committee were very hopeful of the result. Mrs. Roller moved that the report of the Committee be accepted. Sec. and carried. A number of members expressed themselves favorable to the Club's issuing such a magazine and Mrs. Dibble moved that the Club undertake the publishing of a Promotion Magazine according to the plans as presented by the Chairman and that the Committee be authorized to make the contract with the Times Publishing Company, for the publication of the same. Sec. and carried.

The Committee had assured the Chamber of Commerce that they would help in the distribution of the Panama Exposition Post Cards in the public schools and private schools. Miss Greene, Vice Principal of the High School, offered to see that the cards were distributed in the public schools, and properly mailed to various destinations.

Mrs. Thompson proposed that some time a discussion be held in the Club as to the wisdom of abolishing the Executive Board. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. Miss Greene talked of the Teacher's Pension Bill to come up at the next session of the Legislature and gave conclusive reasons why the same bill should be passed. Mrs. Gilbert proposed that the Club endorse the proposed Pension Bill. Carried. Mrs. Greene gave notice of a Theater Party to be given by the San Francisco Federation, Oct. 11th, to defray the expenses of the District Fed.

Mrs. Gilbert then gave a most interesting talk on Impressions of Rome. The Club always enjoys Mrs. Gilbert's Travel Talks, and this one was specially interesting and instructive. Adjourned.

C. G. Dingley, Sec.

October 19, 1910

The regular meeting of the Club was held Wed., Oct. 19th in Ramona Hall. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The election of delegates the the District Federation was first held. Mrs. Park moved that the filling of the delegation be left to the Pres.

Miss Thompson and Miss Campbell played a nocturne from Jensen's Wedding Music. Mr. O. K. Cushing of the Playground Association of Cal, gave a very interesting talk on the uses and needs of Playgrounds in cities and villages. Mrs. Thompson was Chairman of the Program. A rising vote of thanks was offered Mr. Cushing.

The business was then continued. Mrs. Karns named Mrs. Preisker and Mrs. Vail delegates with Mrs. Scofield and Dingley alternates. Mrs. Karns reported progress in the Magazine and named Mrs. Roller, Chairman of the Circulating Committee. Mrs. Roller suggested that the Club purchase through its members, 1,000 copies, and the plan for bringing about such a result was left to Mrs. Roller. No further business the club adjourned. Charlotte Dingley

November 2, 1910

Regular meeting of the Club was held Wed., Nov. 2nd in Ramona Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Pres., and minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Scofield and Mrs. Roller reported on the progress on their special work on the Magazine. Mrs. Karns reported favorable progress. Much detail was still to be done and the time of getting it out was still not decided.

November 2, 1910 continued

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The program was Daughter's Day under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Lakin. A play "The Kleptomaniac" was presented by Miss Fitzgerald, Miss Anthony, Miss Tierny, Sheivad (sp?) Grove and was much enjoyed and appreciated. Refreshments were served and a social half hour was enjoyed.

C. G. Dingley

Executive Board, November 7th, 1910

The regular meeting of the executive Board was held Monday, Nov. 7th at the home of Mrs. Dingley. Present, Mrs. Karns, Steineger, Scofield, Dibble, Lakin, Anthony, George, Weisshaar, and Dingley. There were no minutes from the Oct. Board meeting on account of a lack of a quorum at that meeting. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. A pamphlet explaining the Bak Entertainment Co. was read, and after discussion, it was moved the the Board recommend to the Club that we communicate with the Bak Co. in reference to their three (?) production. Carried. A letter from Robert Hill, administrator of the estate of Thomas Hill, was read asking for contributions for purchasing his father's picture "Driving the _____" which could be hung permanently in the Museum at Golden Gate Park. The motion that we appropriate \$5.00 to this fund was lost. The matter for Refreshment Committee was discussed, and the problem solved by the offer of three ladies to have charge of refreshments at three different meetings. C. G. D.

November 16, 1910

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held, Wed., Nov. 15th in Ramona Hall. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Com. on the sale of Magazines in the Club, Mrs. Roller, Chairman, reported on the majority on a sure (?) sale of 50 a piece. The sale of the thousand was not assured but a number of the ladies did not report. The recommendation of the Board that the Club communicate with the Bak entertainment Co. in regard to presenting one of their plays was adopted on motion of Mrs. Roller _____seconded. The Club voted to authorize a letter of thanks to the Club President of the Mayfield Improvement Club for their efforts in securing a \$50 write up in the Magazine. The reports from the Delegates to the San Francisco District Federation were listened to, Mrs. Vail for the business of the Convention. It was moved and seconded that the report be placed on file. Mrs. Preisker reported the Social side of the Convention. It was moved that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Miss Wilson of Palo Alto addressed the Club on Colored Photography. Miss Wilson's remarks were very interesting and significant. It was a matter of regret that a larger number were not out to hear the lecture. A note of thanks was extended Miss Wilson by the Club. C.G. Dingley, Sec.

Executive Board, December 5, 1910

The regular meeting of the executive Board was held Dec. 5th. Present Mrs. Karns, George, Lakin, Scofield, Mercer and Dingley. The minutes of the November 7th meeting were read and approved. A letter was read from the Consumer's League asking that the Club appoint a member of the Club to act on Membership Committee. Mrs. Lakin recommended that the Club take up the matter of the Consumer's League. Mrs. Ober was elected a member of the Club, signed by Mrs. Percy and Mrs. Lakin. Mrs. Weisshaar read bills from Times for \$3.75 and taxes for \$20.35. It was moved and sec. that these bills be paid. C. G. Dingley, Sec.

December 7, 1910

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held, Wed., Dec. 7th. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The name of Mrs. Ober was read as a member of the Club. A letter was read from the Bay Cities Consumer's League asking that this Club appoint a member to act on the Membership Committee of the League. Mrs. Lakin moved that the Pres. appoint a lady. Sec. Mrs. Park moved to amend the motion that the dues of the members be paid by the Club for one year. Amendment accepted and motion carried. Miss Short of Stanford U. presented the matter of Red Cross Seals for Tuberculosis, the money to go to Collegiate Alumnae for use in Santa Clara Co. Mrs. Karns appointed Miss Georgia Cutler Chairman of the Com.

Dec. 7, 1910 continued

Mrs. Roller moved that a note of thanks be sent to Prof. Clark of Stanford University expressing appreciation of his work in preparing cover of the Promotion Magazine. Mrs. Schofield announced that \$11.32 had been secured in advertising up to date. Mrs. Park presented a petition asking that people refrain from buying after 6 p.m. Mrs. Park moved that the petition be circulated among Club members for signature.

Mrs. Merriman gave a most interesting talk on Juvenile Courts.

C.G.Dingley, Sec.

December 21, 1910

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held, Wed., Dec. 21st in Ramona Hall. The minutes of the Dec. 7th meeting were read and approved. A letter from the Consumer's League asking that the Club appoint a member was read. Mrs. Karns appointed Mrs. Preisker. Mrs. Karns announced that Mr. Byxbee had offered Masonic Hall for a meeting place for the Club. Mrs. Wykoff moved that a committee be named to investigate the plan of moving to Masonic Hall. Mrs. Wykoff and Mrs. Allen were appointed to act on that Committee. Mrs. Gilbert called attention to the fact that in the proposed amendment about to be adopted by the Council, women would have no place on the Library Board. It was proposed that the Club adopt resolution protesting against such amendment, and Mrs. Karns appointed Mrs. Greene, Stuart and Frisbee to draw up the resolution. A letter from Mr. Lundy of Stockton telling of a lecture concert was read. Mrs. Scofield moved that we do not take up the offer of Mr. Lundy and so notify him.

The afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Anthony was spent socially. Mrs. Cyril Elwell sang twice in a pleasing way, and Mrs. Wilbur gave two recitations with musical accompaniment. Tea and cakes were served.

The resolution adopted was as follows:

"Whereas, The Women's Club of Palo Alto would respectfully call attention to the fact that the amendment proposal concerning the library is so worded as to bar women from serving on the Library Board.

In view of the part which the Club has taken in the past history of the Library, the Club would request that the provision be so amended as to allow women to serve on the Library Board."

Charlotte Dingley, Sec.

Executive Board, January 2, 1911

The regular meeting of the Board was held Jan 2nd at the home of Mrs. Dingley. Present, Mrs. Karns, Culver, Steineger, Weisshaar, Scofield, Dingley. The Treasurer, Mrs. Weisshaar, read a report of finances. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted as read, Mrs. Swearinger was accepted as a member of the Club, vouched for by Mrs. Byxbee and Mrs. Layes. The matter of the Bak entertainment was taken up, and Mrs. Scofield moved that we recommend to the Club that we do not take up the entertainment on account of expense of advertising. Mrs. Weisshaar moved that the Board recommend to the Club that the Club hold its Annual Party Feb. 22nd at the Armory. Sec. and carried.

A communication was read from the Cal. Club requesting the Club to use its influence with its representatives to secure passage of a bill to be introduced at the next Legislature asking for an appropriation by the state for the purposes of establishing a Sanatorium for the cure of tuberculosis. Mrs. Scofield moved that we refer the matter to the Club. Sec. and carried. Mrs. Scofield moved that the Board recommend to the Club that the Club consider the communication from the Sempervirens Club asking for influence by the Club with our representatives in the matter of having the Big Basin set apart as a forest reservation. Sec. and carried. Mrs. Scofield moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all outstanding bills. Carried. Mrs. Culver moved that the Board recommend that the Club assist the Y.W.C.A (?) Rest Room monthly. Adjourned

Charlotte Dingley, Secretary

January 4, 1911

The regular meeting of the Club was held January 4th. In the absence of the Vice Pres., Mrs. Dibble presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The four recommendations by the Board, Bak Entertainment, Annual Party, Sempervirens Club and Rest Room, were all adopted. In the matter of the Bill by the Cal. Club, asking that the Legislature appropriate a million dollars for establishment of a Sanitarium for the cure of Tuberculosis, Mrs. Schofield moved that the Core. Sec. be instructed to write our representative Mr. Black, asking him to use his influence in passage of the Bill. Carried. Mrs. Greene moved that the amount of money that the Club assist the Rest Rooms with, monthly, be determined by the Board. Carried. The Committee on Masonic Hall reported. Moved to accept the report. Mrs. Scofield moved that we defer the settlement to a later date. Carried.

Mr. Smikins (sp?) read a paper on "New Materialism" that was well received. Mrs. Anthony moved that a rising vote of thanks be given Mr. Smikins (sp?). Mrs. Greene gave notes on Waterways movement and Conservation of Natural Resources. Adjourned.

Charlotte G. Dingley

January 16, 1911

The regular meeting of the Club was held Jan. 16, in Ramona Hall. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. To celebrate the completion of the magazine, this day will be known as Magazine Day. A large attendance showed an interest of the Club and the town in this project. The magazine Committee consisting of Mrs. Karns, Gilbert, Stuart, Place and Scofield and Past Presidents Mrs. Lakin, Parkinson, besides Mrs. Gilbert, Greene and Stuart were present. Each member of the Committee spoke of her special work in connection with the publication. Besides the special committee, assistance had been rendered by Mrs. Morrison, Greene, Elliott, Prof. Clark and others. Great tribute was paid Mrs. Karns, our President, for her generous and untiring efforts on behalf of the magazine.

The short talks by Mrs. Lakin and Mrs. Parkinson were much enjoyed and the day will long be remembered as a special day in the history of the Club. A rising vote of thanks was tendered the Pres. and the Committee for their work in preparing the magazine. A thousand copies were on hand for sale. Adjourned.

Charlotte Dingley, Sec.

February 1, 1911

The regular meeting of the Club was held Feb. 1st in Ramona Hall. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Committee appointed to consider the changing of the meeting place to Masonic hall reported favorably for Masonic Hall. Mrs. Roller reported on the sale of the magazines. Mrs. Karns reported that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara Co. had taken the necessary steps to send the check for \$150 for 1000 magazines. The W.C.T.U. had requested that this Club discuss the Curfew Law and take some action. Mrs. Greene moved that we grant Mrs. Martines request that we endorse the Curfew Law. Sec. and Carried. The details of the Alliance Entertainment on Feb. 15th were discussed, also the arrangements for the Colonial Ball. The details were left to the Board to arrange. Mrs. Park, Chairman of Legislation, told of important bills to come before the Legislature. Action was taken on change of meeting place. Mrs. Bell moved that we accept the report of the committee, and that we change our place of meeting to Masonic Hall. Sec. and carried. It was then decided to hold the Feb. 15th meeting in Masonic Hall.

After business Mrs. Place gave a very interesting talk on Mexico, telling of her visit to Mexico City and observations as to the life of the people, also visits to historical places. The talk was much enjoyed and a vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Place. Adjourned.

Charlotte Dingley, Sec.

Executive Board, February 6, 1911

The Board met at the home of Mrs. Dingley. Present, Mrs. Karns, Culver, Mercer, Scofield, George. Lakin, Dingley, Steiniger, Dibble, Anthony. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. It was moved and sec. that the matter of credential blanks be waived, and that Mrs. White, Mrs. Staples and Mrs. Lynn be voted members of the Club. Mrs. Weaver was elected a member of the Club, also Mrs. W. R. Scroggs.

A letter from the Juvenile Court Auxiliary was read asking that the Club write to our representatives asking for his support of Senate Bill No. 165 and Assembly Bill No. 256. Mrs. Scofield moved that the Core. Sec. be instructed to telegraph Senator Black that the Executive Board of the Club endorses the 8 hour law for women. A letter was read from Mrs. Stuart suggesting the revising of certain by laws. Mrs. Culver moved that the matter of revision of By Laws be referred to the Club for action. Sec. and carried. Arrangements for the Alliance meeting of Feb. 15th were made. Mrs. Dibble moved that we hire a _____ for Wed. Feb. 15th. Mrs. Lakin was made Chairman of refreshments for Feb. 15th. Mrs. Dingley moved that the Club hire Buhaska's Orchestra for the Annual Party Feb. 22nd. Mrs. Anthony was named chairman of arrangements, and the choosing of committees was left to the Chairman.

February 15, 1911

The regular meeting of the Club was held Feb. 15th in Masonic Hall. Being Alliance Day, many visitors from other Santa Clara Co. Clubs were present. The reading of the Feb. 1st minutes was waived, and no business transacted. Mrs. Karns opened the meeting with words of welcome to the visiting Clubs, and also gave a financial statement as to the magazine, 200 (?) copies, 62 given away to advertisers, 1000 sold to the B. of Supervisors, 1000 to P.A. C. of Commerce, 1365 to Woman's Club, making a total of 3424, leaving 1573 to sell. Expenses of publishing and incidentals were \$812.51. Collections up to Feb. 15th were 668 which check Mrs. Karns turned over to the Club on that day. All expenses were paid.

Miss Arnott and Ralph Freitch rendered a duet vocal and violin, Berceune (sp) by Goddard, in a pleasing way. Prof. Burt Estes, Harvard,* delivered an address, "Why Women Should Study Municipal Government", after which coffee and sandwiches were served, and a social time enjoyed

C.G. Dingley, Sec.

March 1, 1911

The regular meeting of the Club was held March 1st in Masonic Hall. The minutes of Feb. 1st and 15th were read and approved. Mrs. Templeton spoke of the Red Light Injunction and Abatement Bill, No. 1014 and told of the great need of its becoming a law. The Core. Sec. was instructed to write to Senator Black, asking him to use his influence in passage of same. The planting of trees around our Club lot was talked of but no action taken.

Miss Vallarie Arnott played three piano solos, in her charming way- Tocatta by Chaminade, Duett by Mendelssohn, and a Poem by McDowell. Prof. Basset gave an interpretation of Tennyson's Idylls of a King. The story of the Idylls, in a condensed form, was given, and certain of the Idylls recited by Prof. Basset in a most beautiful manner. A rising vote of thanks was given.

Mrs. Corbet gave notice that in two weeks she would bring up the matter of amending two of the By Laws referring to membership and custodian, in due form. Mrs. Scofield moved that the Club furnish the dinner to be given by the Chamber of Commerce, the Club to receive \$125 for the same in March. Sec. and carried. Mrs. Wilbur moved that the Club have an open special meeting on the 2nd Wed. in March for the purpose of hearing Dr. Jordan. Adjourned. Charlotte Dingley

Executive Board, March 13, 1911

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held at the home of Mrs. Dingley, March 13th. Present Mrs. Karns, Mrs. George, Culver, Dibble, Weisshaar and Dingley. Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted. The Treasurer, Mrs. Weisshaar, reported \$858.30 in Club house fund, \$220 in general fund. It was moved and sec. that report be accepted. In accordance with a request from the 1915 Exposition Committee, it was moved to pay \$2, the first payment in \$20, voted by the club for Exposition Stock. Mrs. Dibble moved that we pay 21/2 per month for the half of the rent room until the end of May, from Feb. 1st.

Mrs. Winchell reporter for the Citizen presented a proposition from the Citizen Company to the Club whereby the Club were to receive one half of every subscription and one third of every advertising contract received by the Club would work for advertising and subscriptions. It was decided that Mrs. Winchell should present the matter to the club. Mrs. Culver moved Mr. Dunlap, caretaker of the Masonic Building be paid \$1.00 for extra work done by him at the Feb. 13th meeting. Carried. Mrs. Dibble moved that Mrs. Anthony be paid \$1.30 for money paid out by her for flowers ___ for decoration at the Alliance meeting. Carried. Adjourned Charlotte Dingley, Sec.

March 15, 1911

The regular meeting of the club was held March 15th in Masonic Hall. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Karns read a notice of the Alliance meeting at Mayfield, March 22nd. A notice was also given of the Equal Suffrage meeting for Tuesday, March 21st. Mrs. Winchell presented the same proposition to the Club from the Citizen Can. that she gave to the Board as has been noted. Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Pres. appoint a Committee to look into the offer. Sec. and carried. The Pres. appointed Mrs. Gilbert, Preisker and Wilbur. The matter of amending Article II Section VI relating to rules of membership was taken up. Mrs. Weisshaar moved that the Pres. appoint a Committee to attend to it. Sec. and carried (Committee on By Laws) The President appointed Mrs. Corbert, Gilbert and Penfield. Mrs. Karns gave a notice of her annual reception to the club to be held at her house March 29th.

Mrs. Park reported a Suffrage meeting in S.F. where Miss Pankhurst lectured. Mrs. Harslie talked on Costume Design. Vote of thanks accorded her. C.G. Dingley

Executive Board, April 3, 1911

The Board met at the home of Mrs. Dingley. Pres. Mrs. Karns, Steiniger, George, Culver, Mercer, Dibble, Dingley. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. A letter and petition from mail carriers referring to Sunday closing was read. Mrs. Dibble moved that the Board recommend the adoption of the petition by the Club. Carried. Mrs. Steiniger moved that the Board rec. that the club endorse Mrs. Place as a candidate for renomination as a member of the Board of Education of Palo Alto. Sec. and carried. No further business. C.G. Dingley, sec/.

April 5, 1911

The regular meeting of the club was held Wed April 5th in Masonic Hall, Mrs. Karns presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Karns announced the death of Jessie Lakin, daughter of Mrs. J. P. Lakin, one of the Club's former Presidents and a much respected member of the club at the present time. Mrs. Dibble moved that the Pres. appoint a Committee to draw up resolutions of sympathy and to attend to providing suitable flowers. Mrs. Karns appointed Mrs. Dibble, Mrs. Corbert and Mrs. Dingley. Mrs. Anthony, Chairman of the Committee on the Annual Party held Feb. 22nd, telephoned a report of finances. \$25 above expenses was reported. Mrs. Gilbert, Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate the offer made to the Club by the Citizen, reported that the Committee recommended that all offers from the paper be laid on the table until the new administration entered upon its duties. The report was accepted after motion to that affect.

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Mrs. Corbert, Chairman of Committee to amend certain By-Laws of the Constitution, next reported: The Committee on Constitution recommended the following amendments:

Article 3 Section 2 to read- Any eligible woman who is a resident of Palo Alto or vicinity, upon presenting the endorsement of two members of the Club to the Recording Secretary, may become a member by signing the By Laws and paying the initiation fee and current dues.

Article I Section III Strike out the word membership

Article II Section II Strike out "She shall receive from the Chairman of the Membership Committee all applications for membership."

Article II Section VI A Custodian shall be elected at the Annual meeting who shall have charge of all records and important documents of the club, and these shall not pass out of her hands without a written order signed by the President and Sec. of the Club. Amend the first part of this section, "A custodian shall be elected by the Board of Directors." Signed by the Committee, Annie L. Corbert, Julia R. Gilbert, Sarah Scofield

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee be accepted.

It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be sent Mrs. Bayse by the Core. Sec. also ten copies of The Santa Clara, the Club Magazine, in return for \$5 sent as a gift by Mrs. Bayse. A communication from the letter carriers was read enclosing a resolution asking for Juliet from Sunday _____. Carried. Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Club endorse the resolution.

Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Club endorse Mrs. Place as a candidate for renomination as a member of the Board of Education of P. A. Sec. and carried.

The election of a Nominating Committee was next taken up. Mrs. Soper moved that the Pres. appoint a Nom. Committee. Sec. by Mrs. Preisker and carried. Rising vote 20 for, 8 against. Mrs. Karns appointed Mrs. Morrison, Chairman, Mrs. Dingley, Rosebrook, Upham, Dibble. Mrs. Dingley refused to serve and Mrs. Roller was named.

Mrs. George invited the Club to a picnic at her home in Los Altos, April 29th.

Mrs. Platt recited "One of Bali's Tramps" by Smith and "Nocturne" by Aldrich. Mrs. Scofield was Chairman of the Day and introduced Mrs. Mercer, who read a paper on Life in the Philippine Islands. Adjourned.

Charlotte G. Dingley, Sec.

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Article 3 Section 2 to read- Any eligible woman who is a resident of Palo Alto or vicinity, upon presenting the endorsement of two members of the Club to the Recording Secretary, may become a member by signing the By Laws and paying the initiation fee and current dues.

Article I Section III Strike out the word membership

Article II Section II Strike out "She shall receive from the Chairman of the Membership Committee all applications for membership."

Article II Section VI A Custodian shall be elected at the Annual meeting who shall have charge of all records and important documents of the club, and these shall not pass out of her hands without a written order signed by the President and Sec. of the Club. Amend the first part of this section, "A custodian shall be elected by the Board of Directors." Signed by the Committee, Annie L. Corbert, Julia R. Gilbert, Sarah Scofield

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Committee be accepted.

It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be sent Mrs. Bayse by the Core. Sec. also ten copies of The Santa Clara, the Club Magazine, in return for \$5 sent as a gift by Mrs. Bayse. A communication from the letter carriers was read enclosing a resolution asking for Juliet from Sunday _____. Carried. Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Club endorse the resolution.

Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Club endorse Mrs. Place as a candidate for nomination as a member of the Board of Education of P. A. Sec. and carried.

The election of a Nominating Committee was next taken up. Mrs. Soper moved that the Pres. appoint a Nom. Committee. Sec. by Mrs. Preisker and carried. Rising vote 20 for, 8 against. Mrs. Karns appointed Mrs. Morrison, Chairman, Mrs. Dingley, Rosebrook, Upham, Dibble. Mrs. Dingley refused to serve and Mrs. Roller was named.

Mrs. George invited the Club to a picnic at her home in Los Altos, April 29th.

Mrs. Platt recited "One of Bali's Tramps" by Smith and "Nocturne" by Aldrich. Mrs. Scofield was Chairman of the Day and introduced Mrs. Mercer, who read a paper on Life in the Philippine Islands. Adjourned. Charlotte G. Dingley, Sec.

April 19, 1911

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wed., April 19th in Masonic Hall. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after slight correction. The business of amending certain by laws was then taken up. The Secretary read the recommendation of the committee in regard to the custodian Article II Sec. I. Mrs. Gilbert moved that it be accepted, and it was seconded and carried.

The resolution on the "Membership" by law was read. Mrs. Frisbie moved that it be accepted. It was seconded and carried. Mrs. Dibble moved that the changes in the other two by laws in regard to membership be accepted. It was accepted and carried. Mrs. Dibble reported for the committee on resolutions. She said resolutions had been drawn up and sent to the Lakin family and the resolutions were to be spread in the minutes of the club. The report of the committee was accepted.

Mrs. Roller reported that she had 250 magazines left at her home, and there were a few left in the stores. The chair reported that there was \$909.45 in the treasury from the magazines and \$65 yet to collect for advertising and nearly 400 magazines yet to hear from. The chair recommended that the magazine committee should not be discharged at the end of the club year but continue until work is finished.

The chair announced that the club had been asked to assist little Samuel Bean, and that Mrs. McDermott had offered to give a musicale. So it was decided to give a Musical Concert for Samuel Bean, Friday evening, May 5th. Mrs. George was appointed Chairman of arrangements for the concert.

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Mrs. Frisbie donated \$5 to help pay for the hall, and Mrs. Corbert offered to pay for the programs. Mrs. Gilbert moved that the details of the hall, etc. be left with the committee and the motion was carried.

The chair brought up the question of the chair affiliating with the general federation. Mrs. Corbert moved that we do affiliate with the federation but the motion was lost.

The president stated that the club would be assessed to help entertain the delegates and that a Peninsula Day was being spoken of. She mentioned that Mother's Day was to be observed the second Sunday in May and also announced that the Redwood City Club will give a Carnival for their club house fund May 5th and 6th.

The report of the Nominations Committee was read by Mrs. Morrison as follows:

For President -- Mrs. M. A. Buchan

Vice President -- Mrs. C. G. Dingley

Recording Sec. -- Mrs. A. L. Rector

Treasurer -- Mrs. Carrie Preisker

Directors:

Mrs. Wm. Scofield, Mrs. J. P. Lakin, Mrs. A. W. Anthony, Mrs. E. L. George,

Mrs. L. J. Culver, Mrs. Willard Sheldon, Mrs. W. T. McKinney

Signed, Mrs. C. Morrison, Dibble, Upham, Roller, Rosebrook

Nominating Committee

Mrs. Hundley moved that the report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

The election of the delegates at large to the Convention of the State Federation at Long Beach was taken up. Mrs. Preisher and Mrs. Scofield were named as delegates, and Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Rosebrook as alternates. The question as to how the delegates should vote on Suffrage was discussed and it was the sense of the meeting that the delegates should go uninstructed.

The Sec. read a communication from the "Club Woman's Franchise League" asking our cooperation. It was moved and sec. and carried that it be laid on the table.

Mrs. Vail thanked the Club for their help to the Rest Room. [?a previous project for the school] The Chairman of the day, Mrs. Gilbert, gave a short talk on Suffrage. The discussion of the family pocket book was then discussed and interesting talks were given by Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. Elliot and Mrs. Greene. A motion to adjourn was made and carried.

Ethel L. Fitzgerald, Sec. Pro Tem

Executive Board Meeting, May 1, 1911

The regular meeting of the Board was held at the home of Mrs. Dingley, May 1st. Present were: Mrs. Harris, Anthony, Scofield, Dingley, Weisshaar. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer, Mrs. Weisshaar, rendered an annual report, giving a balance in the Treasury May 1st: \$ 1123.23. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted as read. Mrs. Anathony rendered a report for the finances of the Annual Party. Moved and sec. that it be accepted as read.

Arrangements were talked of for a benefit concert to be given for Samuel Bean. Moved and sec. that 35 cents be paid Mrs. Dingley for money expended for the club. Carried. Moved and sec. and carried that April and May rent for Masonic Temple be paid in advance.

C. G. Dingley, Sec.

Annual Meeting, May 3rd

The annual meeting of the club was held May 3rd in Masonic Hall, Mrs. Karns, in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Anthony moved that Mrs. Corbert be sent as a Vice Pres. to the Club Woman's Franchise League. Sec. and carried.

The yearly reports were given. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Treaurer be accepted. Report filed. The Pres., Mrs. Karns reviewed her work as Pres for two years and her hopes for the future of the club

The report of the nominating committee was read. Opportunity was given for nominations from the floor. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Gilbert moved that the Rec. Sec. cast the ballot for Mrs. M. A. Buchan for Pres. Sec. by Mrs. Dibble and carried. In due form the Sec. cast her ballot for Mrs. Buchan for President.

It was moved and sec. that the Rec. Sec. cast the ballot for Mrs. Dingley for Vice President. It was moved and sec. that the Sec. cast the ballot for Mrs. Rector for Rec. Sec. Carried. It was moved and sec. that the Sec. cast the ballot for Mrs. Preisker for Treasurer. Carried. It was moved and sec. that the Rec. Sec. cast the ballot for the Directors as a whole. Carried.

Directors: Mrs. Scofield Mrs. Lakin
 " Anthony " George
 " Culver " Sheldon

Mrs. McKinney

Mrs. Gilbert expressed the gratitude of the club for the work of the out going officers, paying special tribute to the efficiency [?] and faithfulness of Mrs. Weisshaar also had served the club for nine years. In behalf of the club Mrs. Gilbert read a resolution to this effect which was adopted and Mrs. Karns presented Mrs. Weisshaar with a handsome silver purse. [?] Mrs. Weisshaar responded with appropriate words of thanks.

Mrs. Gilbert moved that the next club meeting be held May 24th under the chairmanship of the Pres. Mrs. Karns, and club members to be assessed 25 cents. Adjourned.

Charlotte G. Dingley, Sec.

May 24th

The club meeting the last of the year was given in the form of a luncheon in the banquet room of the Masonic hall. About a hundred and one guests sat down to a very delicious luncheon prepared under the direction of Mrs. Karns, assisted by many club members and daughters of members. It was moved and sec. that the regular minutes of the club be [?]. Carried. Mrs. E. George reported the results of the Samuel Bean Benefit Concert. \$201 was turned over to the Treasurer. The motion was made that the report be adopted and the committee discharged. Carried. Mrs. George moved that the fund be turned over to the Savings Fund in the First National Bank already started in the name of Samuel Bean.

Mrs. Scofield gave an interesting report on the Convention at Long Beach. Mrs. Buchan responded to the toast, "Our Ideal for a Club." Mrs. Dibble responded to the toast, "Our Ideal for a President." Mrs. Parkinson responded to the toast, "Our First President." Mrs. Corbert gave a history of the Club.

Mrs. Gilbert responded to the Toast. Carried. Mrs. Rosebrook responded to the toast, "Legislation." Mrs. Templeton, Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Dingley, "Our members of the Board of Education." Adjourned.

Charlotte G. Dingley, Secretary

June 5th, 1911

The regular meeting of the Board was held June 5th at the home of Mrs. Buchan. Those present were Mrs. Buchan, Scofield, Dingley, Preisker, McKinney, George and Rector.

The matter of publishing the Palo Altan was brought up and after discussion, was laid on the table. The matter of being assessed for the entertainment of the National Federation of Women's Clubs was recommended for Club consideration. The Treas. then presented a bill for the 2nd Installment of Panama Exposition Stock of \$2 and a bill of \$1.50 to Mr. Earl [?] for dishes which were voted paid. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Dingley be paid \$.60 for the Secretary's Book. Mrs. Cavins was voted Auditor and Mrs. Fitzgerald Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Buchan appointed Mrs. Allen Custodian for the coming year.

Officers: Mrs. Buchan, Pres; Mrs. Dingley, Vice Pres; Mrs. Preisker, Treas; Mrs. Rector, Sec.

Executive Board: Mrs. Scofield, Lakin, Sheldon, Anthony, George, Culver, McKinney

Departments: Literature, Scofield; Civics, Gilbert; Philanthropy, Thompson; Art, Culver,

Domestic Science: Scofield; Music, Roller, Upham, McDermott

Guards: Weaver, Swearingen, Lucy

After refreshments the meeting was adjourned to meet July 2nd with Mrs. Buchan.

Madge Rector, Sec.

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Annual Summary

July 1911 to May 1912

No. of board meetings: 10

Board: Mrs. Buchan, pres...; Mmes. Culver, Dingley, Preisker, Thompson, Lakin,
Rector, George, Scofield, McKinney, Sheldon, Anthony

Departments and Chair

Civics: Mrs. Gilbert

Philanthropy: Mrs. Thompson

Art: Mrs. Culver

Home & Economics: Mrs. Scofield, Vail

Literature: Mrs. Scofield, Morrison

Music: Mrs. Roller

Finances:

Rest Room Fund (Sept. 20, Oct. 4)

Reports (Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, 6, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 1, 6)

Fund Raising

Local merchants donating 10% of day's profits to Club (Sept. 20, Nov. 6, 17, Dec. 4, 6

Sale of magazines (Apr. 3)

Jan. 17, Apr. 17, May 1)

Loyal Lincoln Wi--[sic] Lecture (Mar. 4, 6, 20 Apr. 6, 17)

Club House Fund (Feb. 2, Mar. 20, Apr. 1, 3)

Action/Event

(Note: Women won the right to vote in California on Oct. 10, 1911)

Annual reception (Sept. 6) New members introduced (Sept. 20, Nov. 1, Jan. 3)

Celebration of Suffrage Day (Sept. 20)

Letter to Governor Johnson regarding Presidential Preference Primary Law (Nov. 1)

Work on Palo Alto Biennial Convention, city improvements (Nov. 15, Dec. 4, 6, 20

Jan. 3, Feb. 7, 21, Mar. 6, 20, Apr. 13)

Palo Alto: Support for purchasing library lot (Nov. 6) Samuel Bean gift (Dec. 6)

Request local movie to show educational films for children on weekends (Feb. 5, 7)

Building public benches in Palo Alto (Feb. 21 May 1, 15) Retaining wall on

Palo Alto Ave. (Mar. 6, 20) Tree planting (Mar. 6)

County's failure to properly feed prisoners, build Detention Home (Dec. 6)

Peace resolutions adopted (Dec. 20)

Petition for Free Holders (Apr. 3) See Sempervirens Fund (May 15)

Urged women to vote in the coming bond election (May 15)

Speakers at Club Meetings

Mrs. French spoke on "The White Slave Trade." (Sept. 20)

Dr. Varian spoke on "Examining and Strengthening the Spines of Children." (Oct. 4)

Dr. A. B. Clark, Stanford, spoke on "How to Build an Artistic Home." (Oct. 18)

Prof. Green, Stanford, spoke on "Women's Place in Politics." (Nov. 1)

Miss Maude Mondancy, S.J. Normal School, spoke on "Food Values." (Nov. 15, Dec. 4)

Mrs. Karns spoke on "Civil Service Reform Work." (Dec. 6)

Mayor Jordan spoke on "Palo Alto Government" and "Direct Primaries." (Dec. 6)

W. H. Helley, Chamber of Commerce, spoke on Tree planting (Dec. 20, Jan. 3)

Mrs. Rosebrook spoke on "Women's Progress in the Last Hundred Years." (Jan. 3)

Dr. Jordan spoke on "The Prospect of World Peace." CA Peace Association (Jan. 17)

Mrs. Harriet Wilson spoke on "Women's Function in Economics." (Feb. 17)

Prof. Willis, Stanford, spoke on "Public Health." (Feb. 21)

Rev. Clarence Reed spoke on "Japan and Japanese." stereoptican pictures. (Mar. 6)

Prof. Burt Estes Howard spoke on "Merit System of Office Holding." (Apr. 3)

H.O. Jenkins, city health officer, and J.F. Bxybye [sp?], city engineer, spoke. (Apr. 17)

Mrs. David Lathrop spoke on "Hawthorne and his Life." (May 1)

Mrs. Green spoke on "Waterways." used lantern pictures (May 15)

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto Minutes

Transcription from July 1911 to May 1912

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Executive Board Meeting, July 2, 1911

There were only four present at this meeting so no business was attended to.

Executive Board Meeting, August 7, 1911

The regular meeting of the Board was held Monday, August 7 at the home of Mrs. Buchan. Those present were: Mrs. Buchan, Dingley, Preisker, Culver, Thompson, Lakin and Rector. Mrs. Buchan's report of the Banquet to the Chamber of Commerce was accepted, \$73.00 being cleared after all expenses were paid. A bill of \$3.50 for cleaning the club lot was voted paid.

The matter of the programs for the year's work was discussed and was to be finished by the committee.

It was decided that we issue no invitations for the annual Club Reception, Sept. 6th, but notice would be placed in the paper that all those who were interested to attend. Also that 2 Japs [?] be hired at reception. The matter of assisting the Rest Room was recommended for club consideration and also the Mendenhall & Co.'s proposition of having one day at their store and receiving 10% of all sales that day. Meeting adjourned to meet Sept. 4th.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Executive Board Meeting, Sept. 4th

The Executive Board Meeting was held Sept. 4th at Mrs. Buchan's. Those present were: Mrs. Buchan, Dingley, Preisker, Lakin, Scofield, George, McKinny, Sheldon, Rector

Mrs. Buchan read invitation from the Woman's Outdoor Club of S.F. to come and visit them and join if we liked. It was reported that Mrs. Stuart and the Times Pub... could print the programs for the coming year for the same price 150 for \$20 or 125 for \$18. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Stuart do the work.

Bills to the Time Pub.

500 Membership cards	\$2.75
500 Visitor tickets	\$2.75
500 Note heads	3.25
200 Certificates	<u>1.75</u>
	\$10.50

110 cards	\$1.10
500 postals	<u>5.00</u>

6.10 to Mrs. Buchan

Moved and seconded that Mr. Stuart be allowed his bill of \$2.50 for printing post cards. Moved and seconded that patronize Ogrer's for the punch for the reception and get the cakes and dishes of Mr. Earle. Was decided that a book be published for membership roll of the club. Final arrangements were made for the reception and meeting adjourned.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Sept. 6, 1911

The reception of the Woman's Club was held Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 6th in the Masonic Temple. A large number of ladies attended and enjoyed the social afternoon. Misses Edith Jones, Augusta Upham, and Marian Coyle gave instrumental and vocal number which were very much appreciated by all. Mrs. Gilbert gave notice of a class to be formed in Civics if there were enough ladies who cared to take up the work. The hall was beautifully decorated and the younger ladies of the club served refreshments after the program.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Sept. 20, 1911

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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto celebrated its annual "Suffrage Day" in the Club room Wed., Sept. 20th. Minutes of the luncheon of May 24th and reception of Sept. 6th were read and approved. There were three recommendations from the Executive Board brought before the club for consideration. 1st Assessment for Federation, 2nd Assisting Rest Room, 3rd the matter of taking up the Mendenhall & Co. proposition of having one day at their store and receiving 10% of [sp?] all sales. Mrs. Karns explained the assessment saying that we were asked to pay 56 cts. and it was moved and seconded that chair appoint 10 ladies to collect the 56 cts. of each person. It was moved and seconded that we continue giving \$2 per. month toward the Rest Room Fund. It was decided that we accept the Mendenhall & Co.'s proposition and that we set aside the 1st Sat. in Oct. as club day at that store. This ended the business of the day.

Miss Augusta Upham rendered two piano solos very beautifully and Mrs. Curstzman of S.F. sang several tunes very sweetly. Then the speaker of the day, Mrs. French, gave an address on the "White Slave Trade." The club room was crowded to hear her as she is widely known throughout the state for her work along these lines. She claimed no oratory but told of the immense growth of this unspeakable traffic throughout this and other countries.

New members present were: Mrs. Mary Wattenburger, Mrs. Grace Hardeman, Mrs. Mildred Jordan, Miss Louise Fink, Miss Alice Stedman, Miss Jessie Pelham, Mrs. G.W. Harms, Miss Isie Middleton, Mrs. F.M. Woodward, Mrs. Bertha Wilbur, Miss Effie Harkins, Mrs. Sara White, Mrs. Francis Steel.

Executive Board Meeting, Oct. 2nd

The regular meeting of the Executive Board was held Oct. 2nd at Mrs. Buchan's. Seven were present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A number of bills were presented by the Pres. and were voted paid. Times Pub. Co. \$25, Backers \$50, F. A. Stuart \$21. Meeting adjourned.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Oct. 4, 1911

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wed., Oct. 4th in the club rooms. Meeting was called to order and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Pres. gave the names of the ladies who were to collect the 56 cts. of the club members as follows. Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Swearingen, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. M. C. Wilbur, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. E.A. LaPiere, Mrs. Hundley, Mrs. J. W. Roller, Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Woodward. Mrs. Thompson was chairman of the day but was unable to attend and Mrs. Whurger presided. Miss Arnott gave two piano solos. "Philanthropy" was discussed by several. First, by Mrs. Simkins - "What can be done for the industrial [----?]. Mrs. Templeton - "Rest Rooms & Coffee Clubs." Miss Arnott - "Philanthropy as it affects the Working Woman." Mrs. Green - "M-----Guild." Mrs. Roller, "Housing the Working Girls." Mrs. Beal - "Our Rest Room." Dr. Varian - "Examining and Strengthening the spines of school children." A very pleasant and profitable afternoon was closed by remarks from Mrs. Munger on her prison work.

Madge Rector, Sec.

[Note: Women won suffrage in California on Oct. 10, 1911-J.H.]

Oct. 18, 1911

The regular meeting of the Woman's club was held Oct. 18th in the club rooms. Meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Notice was read of the Tenth Annual Convention of S. F. District Ca. Fed. of Women's Clubs to be held at San Mateo, Nov. 18th, 9th & 10th and delegates were chosen as follows: Mrs. George, Rosebrook, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Templeton, Mrs. Karns and Mrs. Weaver.

A communication was read stating that the Playground and Recreation Institute will be held Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4 in Los Angeles. The Treasurer stated that she had rec'd. a check amounting to \$51.25 from Mendenhall & Co. as our share of the day's profits at their store. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that we give a note of thanks to Men. & Co. for their generosity. Mrs. Culver, who was chairman of the day, introduced Prof. A.B. Clark of Stanford who gave a most instructive lecture on how to build an artistic home."

Madge Rector, Sec.

Nov. 1, 1911

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The regular meeting of the Women's Club was held in the Masonic Temple, Wed., Nov. 1st. Meeting was called to order by the President and minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The issue of rights of chairman of the different departments was brought before the club by Mrs. Dingley, who made the motion that: "Membership in the club was necessary to receive benefits of work in any department." It was discussed by several for and against and the chair ruled in favor of the motion. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that the ruling of the chair be sustained. Mrs. Roller seconded motion. Ayes & No's were taken and a standing vote was called for resulted in 29 for and 8 against motion. Mrs. John Gilbert introduced Prof. Green of Stanford who spoke on "Woman's Place in Politics" which was very interesting and instructive. At the close of the address a rising vote of thanks was given Prof. Green. At the suggestion of Prof. Green that Women's clubs petition the Governor to include in his call for a special session of the legislature the matter of Presidential Preference Primary law. A committee of three, namely, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Karns and Mrs. Buchan were appointed to investigate and act at their discretion. Committee met and the following night, letter was sent to Governor Johnson.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Executive Board Meeting, Nov. 6th

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's Club was held at Mrs. Buchan's, Nov. 6th. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Bill of \$.30 was allowed for sending night letter to Governor Johnson. A letter from Mrs. Park announcing Mrs. C. P. Gilman's arrival in town and saying that she would lecture for us if desired but on account of the shortness of time, was decided not to have her. Mrs. Buchan then told of the Weingartner & Co.'s proposition, and it was recommended to the club that we have a profit sharing day and that day be Dec. 2nd. It was recommended and seconded that Mrs. Preisker send Mrs. Campbell (at Eugene, Ore.) a cookbook with the compliments of the club.

Moved and seconded that the Woman's Club subscribe \$25 toward buying the additional lot to the library. Resignation of Mrs. Scofield from the club, of Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Scofield from the chairmanship of their departments were read and accepted. Mrs. Roller was elected member of the Board in Mrs. Scofield's place. Mrs. Vail to take Mrs. Scofield's place in the Home and Economics Dept. Mrs. Morrison was elected to the Department of Literature to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. Scofield.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Nov. 15, 1911

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held in the club rooms, Wed., Nov. 15th. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was moved and seconded that the club subscribe \$25 toward the additional library lot. Also that we accept Weingartner & Co.'s proposition of having a profit sharing day at their store and Sat., Dec. 2nd was the day chosen by the club. The President appointed Mrs. Karns, Mrs. Place, Mrs. Rosebrook as a committee to confirm with the Chamber of commerce as to entertaining the Biennial Convention, Santa Clara day which is to be June 28th.

Mrs. Rosebrook, Mrs. George Mrs. Karns gave very interesting reports of the District Convention held at San Mateo, Nov. 7th, 9th & 10th. Mrs. Rodgers accompanied by Mrs. Roller sang two solos. The Speaker of the day, Miss Maudie Murdin [sp?], of San Jose Normal School gave a very instructive lecture on "Food Values."

Madge Rector, Sec.

Executive Board Meeting. Dec. 4th 1911

The Executive Board Meeting was held at Mrs. Buchan's, Dec. 4th. Minutes were read and approved. Moved that taxes on club lot be paid by treasurer \$5.94 - \$10.17. Moved and seconded that bill of \$2.50 be allowed for window and post cards for Weingartner day, and also, \$1.00 for Miss Mordancy fare from San Jose. Treasurer reported \$25.10 from Weingartner & Co. Moved and seconded that we have Dec. 20th as guest day. Motion made and seconded that it was best to pay the Panama International Expedition back in \$2 installments. Meeting adjourned.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Dec. 6, 1911

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The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held in the club rooms, Wed., Dec. 6th. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported \$1384.07 in the club house fund and \$265.69 in the checking account, also, she had received a check of \$25.10 from Weingartner's as our share of the profit sharing day, Dec. 2nd. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Weingartner be given a vote of thanks for his generosity. Mrs. Karns gave a report of her committee meeting with the Chamber of Commerce in regard to entertaining ladies of B---[?] Convention. She stated that the C. of C. would assist the club ladies in any way and would appoint a committee to confer with committee from the club. Mrs. Karns also asked every lady of the club to plant sweet peas this month so we may have plenty to use at time of convention. She also told of Civil Service reform work. It was moved and seconded that the following resolutions be adopted by the club.

Resolutions adopted by the Woman's Clubs of Santa Clara County
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Whereas, your Honorable body only allows 10 cts. per day for feeding prisoners in the county jail and, whereas your honorable body has not erected a Detention Home as required by law, be it

Resolved that the Woman's Club of Santa Clara County requests your body to increase your amount allowed for food to 20 cts per day per capita

Be it further resolved, that the Woman's Clubs of Santa Clara County request you to accept the building lot offered you by Mrs. Merriman and erect a Detention Home there.

Signed, Mrs. Buchan, Pres..
Mrs. Rector, Sec

It was decided our next meeting, Dec. 20th, be a guest day. Samuel Bean presented the club with a pedestal as a thanks offering, Mrs. Buchan read a letter written by him. The corresponding Sec. was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Bean for his generous offering. The President appointed as committee for refreshments for next meeting Mrs. Jordan, La Pierre, Lucy, Follmer, White, and committee on Civil Service reform, Mrs. Karns, Lakin, Preisker.

Mayor Jordan was introduced and spoke on the subject of Palo Alto and Her Government and after an intermission of 15 minutes for the sale of magazines, he spoke on Direct Primaries and told of the privileges and duties of the women voters.

Madge Rector, Sec

Dec. 20, 1911

The Women's Club held their last meeting in their rooms Dec. 20th. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mrs. Karns brought before the Club Peace Resolutions, as follows:

Whereas, there are pending peace treaties between U.S. & France and France and W.S. Senate, and whereas, ratification between these nations of first magnitude is a step forward for the world's peace, be it resolved that the Women's Club of Palo Alto, Cal. place itself on record as favoring the ratification of said treaties by the W.S. Senate. Be it further resolved, that those resolutions be sent to our Representative in Washington. Signed Mrs. Buchan, Pres..
Mrs. Rector, Sec.

W. H. Helley, Sec. of Chamber of Commerce, told of tree planting and beautifying the town generally. Wanted a committee appointed from Woman's Club to confer with Chamber of Commerce and City Council. After the business session the club members were treated to a musical program prepared by Mrs. Dermott of Los Altos in which Mrs. Vincent S. Walsh of S. F., Miss Carrie Bright of Berkeley, Mrs. McDermott and Miss Mary McDermott took part. After this delightful program the members of the club and their guests were served refreshments.

Madge Rector, Sec

Jan. 3, 1912

The last meeting of the Women's Club was held Jan. 3rd. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Chas. Thompson was the chairman of the day. She gave a very instructive talk on Civic improvement and reviewed the work of club women in the past along that line. The following committee was appointed to confer with the Chamber of Commerce and

the City Council: -Mrs. Thomson, -Mrs. J. W. Roller and -Mrs. Bradford. Mrs. Rosebrook then gave a very interesting paper reviewing women's progress during the last hundred year D. L. Stone told of different methods of beautifying the streets as used in small eastern towns. Mrs. Karns read an article on improvement in Kansas City and other places. Mrs. Catherine Stevens and Mrs. Richardson's names were read as new members of the club. Meeting Adjourned.
Madge Rector, Sec.

New Members This Year

Mrs. Mary Waterberger, Mrs. Mildred Jordan, Mrs. Alice Stedman, Mrs. G.W. Harms, Mrs. F. M. Woodward, Mrs. Effie Hawkins, Mrs. Grace Hardeman, Miss Louise Fink, Miss Elsie Middleton, Mrs. Bertha Wilbur, Mrs. Sara White, Mrs. Francis Steele, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Svabey, Mrs. Follmer.

Executive Board Meeting, Jan. 8th

The Executive Board Meeting was held at the First National Bank, Jan 8th at 3 o'clock. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Buchan read a letter from Mrs. Rose V. S. Berg of Berkeley, saying that she would come to us some Friday evening after this month and give us a travel talk with stereopticon views. It was thought just to leave it at a private home early in Feb. It was recommended to the club for consideration. The following bills were allowed: Earle & Co. \$1.45, Times Pub. Co. \$3.50 for printing Club Calendar and Advertising Meeting Adjourned.
Madge Rector, Sec.

Jan 17, 1912

The last meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Masonic Temple, Wed., Jan. 17th. Minutes of the previous meeting and also of the executive board meeting were read and approved. A letter from Mrs. Adams thanking the club for the flowers sent her at the time of her husband's death, was read. After the reading of the board minutes it was approved and seconded that Mrs. Rose V.S. Berry be invited to give us a travel talk. Mrs. Morrison stated the Prof. Starks would speak only in the evening so arrangements for the meeting of Feb. 21st were left undecided. Mr. Billie wrote the stating that he would give the club 10% from all orders for anyone who wishes to benefit the club. The names of new members were read.

After the business session, Mrs. Buchan introduced Dr. Jordan, who spoke on the subject "The Prospect of World Peace." After the lecture, Mrs. Parks gave a short review of the work of the California Peace Association. Dr. Jordan called attention to the fact that every dollar paid for membership in the peace society brought an additional one given by Andrew Carnegie. Mrs. Bradford gave an invitation to all club women interested in the study of civics to attend the civic club meeting the following Wed. in Library Hall. Meeting then adjourned.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Executive Board Meeting, Feb. 5th

The Executive Board Meeting was held at the First National Bank, Feb. 5th at 2:30. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Following bills were allowed: \$1.50- Mr. Wills for flowers, \$1.20- carfare, \$3.00 for rent for 2 meetings, \$1.50- chairs for lecture. Miss Hawkins wished a committee appointed to interview the manager of the Moving Picture Shows to see if certain educational pictures could be shown on Fri. and Sat. for benefit of school children. Mrs. Green came to tell the ladies that her lecture and slides on "Waterways" was ready, and she would like to give it before the club as soon as a date could be arranged. It was moved and seconded that we give Mrs. Green a Wed. in April or May. Meeting Adjourned.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Feb. 7, 1912

The Woman's Club held their last meeting in Masonic Temple, Wed., Feb. 7th. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Morrison stated that she wished motion made at previous meeting in regard to meeting of Feb. 21st to be reconsidered. Motion was made to change afternoon meeting to evening and was lost, meeting at regular time. The chair appointed Mrs. Roller a committee of one to visit the proprietors of the moving picture shows with representations of other societies in regard to their having certain educational pictures on Fridays

and Saturdays and that an effort be made to keep school children away at other times. Mrs. Stuart was appointed to help on Press committee on Biannual Work. Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Anthony and Mrs. George were appointed to arrange for the notifying of the county doing the railroad and electric lines.

Mrs. Buchan introduced Mrs. Harriet L. Wilson who spoke to us on "Woman's Function in Economics." After the lecture the subject of a club house was brought up and Mrs. Roller made a motion that steps be taken to increase the club house fund and was discussed at some length and finally withdrawn. Mrs. Lakin made motion that we continue the subject at the next meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Feb. 21, 1912

The last meeting of the Woman's Club was held Wed., Feb. 21st at the Masonic Temple. Minutes of the last meeting and correction made by President. Motion made and seconded that we thank Mrs. Vail for opening her home for the lecture of Mrs. Rose V. S. Berry's lecture. Three different committees were approved for Biennial Work, Information - Mrs. Place and Reception - Mrs. George. Luncheon - Each committee to appoint its own alternate.

Mrs. Thompson, chairman of the day, introduced Prof. Willis of Stanford who spoke to us on "Public Health" which was very instructive. Miss Mosher accompanied by Miss Ostrander sang two solos.

The matter of unfinished business was then taken up. The matter of the club house fund was brought up and Mrs. Corbert made following motion: "I move that the club endorse the proposal that \$1000 in cash or pledges, be raised by the end of the year and added to the club house fund." Mrs. Varian proposed that we say "try" to raise \$1000. (motion made and carried) Mrs. Corbert made a second motion. "I move that the Executive Board be made a finance committee to carry out the plan of raising \$1000 in cash or pledges, to be added to the club house fund." carried. Mrs. Corbert told of some of the early history of the club and also said she would give the first \$25 or last \$100 toward the \$1000. The subject of benches for various corners was brought up and was moved and seconded that the club provide for the making of one bench to be made by the manual training dept. of the Pub. Schools. Mrs. Thompson was appointed the bench committee. Mrs. Park made motion that the different organizations of the town be invited to give a bench. Sec. & carried. Adjourned.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Executive Board Meeting, March 4th

Meeting was held at First National Bank on March 4th, 2:30 P.M. Minutes of last meeting were read and one correction made. Bill of \$3.00 for two meetings was allowed. Moved & sec. that Mrs. Stuart be invited to be at the next club meeting for the purpose of registering names. Moved & sec. that action of board in taking up given by Loyal Lincoln Wirt(?) be ratified and that 25 cts. be charged for adults and 15 cts. for children up to the high school. Adjourned.

Madge Rector. Sec.

March 6, 1912

Last meeting of the club was held Wed., Mar. 6th. Minutes of last meeting were read and two corrections made. The first order of business brought up was in regard to a lecture. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that the club ratify the action of the board in securing the Loyal Lincoln Wirt(?) to lecture for us April 6th. carried. Motion made that we charge 25 cts. for lecture. carried.

Mrs. Park moved that a committee for advance press work for the the lecture be appointed. Mrs. Dibble was appointed. Luncheon committee - Mrs. Upham, Mrs. Vail & Mrs. Swearingen. Motion made and seconded that the committee on tree planting be discharged. carried. Mrs. Bradford made motion that club recommend to the city council that a retaining wall be made on Palo Alto Ave. between Waverly and Cowper Sts.. Mrs. Park moved that we postpone action until next meeting, seconded - carried.

Mrs. Morrison, chairman of the day, introduced Rev. Clarence Reed, who gave an illustrated lecture on "Japan and Japanese."

Madge Rector, Sec.

March 20, 1912

The last meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Masonic Temple, Wed., March 20th. Minutes of the last meeting read & approved. Motion made & seconded that the amount for magazines we buy for Biennial cork go into Club Home Fund.- carried. The Pres. stated that there had been \$201.25 subscribed to the Club house fund. Playhouse secured for the Wirt Lecture, Apr. 6th.

Apr. 18th Frazer's profit sharing day. Mrs. Corbert moved (as amendment to original motion) that city engineer be invited by the Executive Board to tell the ladies what the council is trying to do in regard to building retaining wall on Palo Alto Ave.

Reception Committee for Santa Clara Day Mrs. Buchan, Mrs. Karns, Mrs. Green

It was moved & seconded that Pres. have right to fill any vacancies on committees for the Biennial Work which may occur-carried. It was voted that next meeting should be an open meeting.

Adjourned Madge Rector, Sec.

Apr. 1st

Executive Board meeting at First National Bank.

Bills allowed for Rent for March \$6.00

Payment on Exposition stock \$2.00

Per Capita tax to State Treasurer Mrs. Wm.. Fairchild.

Madge Rector, Sec.

Apr. 3rd

The meeting of the Woman's Club was called to order Wed. Apr. 3rd by the Pres. Minutes of the last meeting was read & approved. The magazine committee reported that the magazines were sold and \$30 had been cleared it was moved that the amount be turned into the Club House Fund and that Mrs. Roller be instructed to set aside 200 magazines for delegates to the Fed. of Woman's Clubs. -carried.

The business of picking a nominating committee was then taken up. Mrs. Rosebrook moved that the nominating committee be named from the floor. This was seconded and carried. Mrs. Lakin moved that the comm. be compose of five - seconded & carried. The following women were mentioned. Mrs. Karns, (Mrs. Corbert declined, Mrs. Upham), Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Chas. Anthony, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Frisbie. Mrs. Lakin then moved that the nomination committee be Mrs. Karns, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Chas. Anthony, Mrs. Richardson & Mrs. Frisbie. seconded & carried - elected.

Mrs. Buchan read a petition to be signed by all Free Holders who are interested in Santa Clara Highways.

The program of the day was then given. Miss Vallance Arnott gave two piano solos, also a vocal solo. Prof. Burt Estes, Harvard, gave an interesting lecture on the "Merit System of Office Holding." Meeting Adjourned.

Sara M. White, Sec. Pro Tem.

Apr. 17th

The Woman's Club held their last meeting Apr. [?]. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report of nominating committee read by Mrs. Karns. Names of members offered by Nominating Com. for officers and directors of the Woman's Club for the year 1912-1913.

Pres - Mrs. M. Buchan

Vice Pres. - C. G. Dingley

Recording Sec. - Mrs. T. Swearingen

Treasurer - Mrs. Carrie Preisker

Directors

Mrs. J. W. Roller

Mrs. C. J. Templeton

" Geraldine Frisbie

" E. A. LaPiere

" Margaret Adams

" C.E. Jordan

" C. F. Morrison

Signed, Mrs. E.S. Karns, C.C. Anthony, C.T. Morrison, Geraldine Frisbie, E. Richardson
Moved & sec. that report be accepted as read carried.

Pres. stated that \$19 was cleared from the Lincoln Wirt lecture. Letter read by secretary from Frazer & Co. stating that \$75.64 was our share of the profits of Sat. Apr. 13th at their store.

Sec. was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Frazer & Co. Pres. announced that Mrs. T.V.C. McCoy offered 10% of her trade for the following Sat. Mrs. Corbert elected delegate to State Convention at Paso Robles. Mrs. Rosebrook announced that the brunch she had ordered made was now ready to be placed wherever the chairman of b--[sp.] committee thought best.

City Health Officer H. O. Jenkins - City Engineer J.F. Byxby were the speakers of the day. The program was closed by a solo of Miss Grace Carnf (?) accompanied by Miss Upham.

Annual Report, May 1st

A most successful year for the Woman's Club of Palo Alto opened with a reception Sept. 6, 1911 in Avacacia Hall, Masonic Temple.

There have been fifteen meetings held and lectures given as follows:

Mrs. Rose French - "White Slave Traffic."

Mr. Simkins & Mr. Varian - "Philanthropy."

(members of club)

Prof. A.B. Clark - "How to build an Artistic Home."

Prof. Green - "Woman's Place in Politics."

Maude Murchine - "Food Values."

Mayor C. E. Jordan - "Palo Alto & Her Government."

Musical Program prepared by Mrs. McDermott."

Mrs. Thompson - "Civic Improvement."

Dr. Jordan - "Prospects of World Peace."

Mrs. Harriet L. Wilson - "Woman's Function in Economics."

Prof. Willis - "Public Health."

Rev. Clarence Reed - "Japan & Japanese, Stereoptican."

Miss Maude Wilson - "Art."

Prof. Burt Estes Howard - "Merit System of Office Holding."

Health Officer - H. O. Jenkins

City Engineer - J. F. Byxby

Four firms in town have been so kind as to give us a profit sharing day at their store and checks have been received as follows: -

\$51.25 Mendenhall & Co.

\$25.10 Weingartner & Co.

\$75.64 Frazer & Co.

\$11.00 Mrs. T.V.C. McCoy

\$30 amount placed in Club House Fund from magazines purchased by members of club for Biennial work. \$19 cleared from Lincoln Wirt Lecture.

Twenty one new members this year. Pres. Day Thurs., Apr. 11th the members of the club spent a very enjoyable afternoon in Acacia Hall, Mrs. Buchan, Hostess. - Vocal & instrumental music were enjoyed and refreshments served.

Madge Rector, Sec.

May 1

Last meeting of club held in club rooms, May 1st. Report of previous meeting & also annual report were read & accepted. Treasurer's report read & accepted. Mrs. Vail gave report of the luncheon committee which was accepted. It was decided to give up to club luncheon on Founder's Day and give our 25 cts. to Mrs. Vail to buy material for lunches. Bill of \$1.70 for making of lunch was presented by Mrs. Thompson and was voted paid. Mr. (?) Rosebrook given a vote of thanks for making lunch.

The Secretary reported \$11.00 as our share of Mrs. McCoy profit sharing day and was instructed to write Mrs. McCoy a letter of thanks. The name of Mrs. Eli King was read by the Secretary as a new member. Mrs. David Lothrop "Authors of Pepper Books" and other Juvenile works, gave a most excellent paper "Hawthorne and His Life." Moved & seconded that arrangements for meeting of May 15th be left in the hands of the Executive Board - Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Madge Rector - Sec.

Executive Board, May 6th

Meeting at the First National Bank, 8 present. \$3.00 bill for rent, allowed. \$5.00 bill for use of lantern for Rev. Reed Lecture, allowed. It was moved and seconded that we have Mrs. Greene's lecture on "Waterways" on Founders Day - May 15th - carried. Sempervirens Club dues \$1.00 - allowed. Moved & seconded that \$1 donation be given for carrying on the work. Meeting adjourned.

Madge Rector - Sec.

May 15th

Regular meeting of the Woman's Club met May 15th at the Masonic Hall with Mrs. Dingley in the chair. Report of previous meeting was read and approved. Mrs. Greene was elected delegate to State Convention and Mrs. Rosebrook & Mrs. Templeton as alternates. It was moved & sec. that Mrs. Greene be empowered to appoint any woman from the club who might attend the convention a delegate and delegate cards were furnished.

Mrs. Boone, through the president, made a plea for signatures to the anti-capital punishment measure to be sent to the governor of the state.

A letter was read by the sec. from the Sempervirens Club of Calif. on the matter of road improvement to be completed before the Exposition of 1915. Mrs. Green moved that the club indorse [sp] the matter - sec. - carried.

Mrs. Thompson reported two benches made - placed and paid for.

Mrs. Gilbert & Mrs. Park called attention to the coming bond election & urged women to vote.

Meeting was given over to Mrs. Greene who paid tribute to the founder & the founders of the Woman's Club and the good work of the club.

Mrs. Greene gave a most instructive lecture on Waterways. Mrs. Crossman of Sunnyvale sang for the Club accompanied by Miss Upham and while the lantern for the lecture was being arranged Miss Upham played several beautiful solos.

Eleven visitors cards were recieved [sp]. Meeting adjourned.

Marguerite K. Swearingen

Sec. Pro Tem.

Women's Club of Palo Alto 475 Homer Ave. Palo Alto, CA..94301

Summary of minutes by Joan Holland

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Annual Summary

June 1912 to May 1913

No. of meetings: 13

Board: Mrs. Buchan, pres., Mmes. Dingley, Roller, Adams, Swearingen, Jordan, Morrison, Templeton, Preisker, Frisbie (resigned) Meekins

Departments: (not listed)

Finances:

(June 3, July 16 Oct.7 Nov.4, 20 Dec 2, 4 Jan.6,15 Feb.3,5 Mar.3,31 May 5)

Fund Raising:

Play to help finance Playground- (Apr. 16) Food Sales- (July 16 Feb.5,19)

Club Fund- (July 16) Party- (Apr.17) Magazine Sales- (Jan.29 Mar.19)

Action/Events

Biennial (June 3,17,19 July 16 Sept.18)

State Convention (June 17) Joined National Federation (Sept. 18)

Play ground com. given use of Club lot (Sept.2,18 Mar.3)

Condolences (June 19 Sept.25)

Redwood City club guests (Oct. 2) School elections (Apr.16)

Aid request for Suffrage cause in Arizona (Oct.16)

Support for cigarette law to do away with smoking in Palo Alto (Oct.16, Feb.5)

Request to help entertain national Boy Scout Commissioner during visit (Nov.6,20)

Amendments to by laws (Sept.2 Nov.6 Feb.19)

Support for club houses for girls in Berkeley trying live on their own (Jan.15)

Mothers Pension Bill supported (Jan 25,29 Feb.5,19 Mar.5)

Club House/ Club lot (Jan.29 Mar.5, 19 Apr.2)

Club moves to get enforcement of ordinances on garbage, barns, etc. (Feb.5,19 Mar.5)

Club resolution given to city on Parks and Playgrounds in Palo Alto. (Mar.5)

Supports: Suppression of White Slave Traffic, (Feb. 5,19 Mar.5), Health Certificate

Required before Marriage (Apr. 16), State Bills on Redwood Park, State Farms,

Red Light Injunction and Abatement (Mar.19 Apr.7)

Help for those suffering from flooding-- Hamilton, Ohio (Apr. 2,16 May 7)

Founders Day (May 5,7, 28)

Speakers

Biennial-memorial, peace movement, suffrage luncheons, sight seeing, other (Sept 18)

Mrs. Karns spoke on Civil Service Question (Sept. 18)

Mr. Kelly spoke on amendments and Miss Wilson spoke on Craft (Oct.16)

Mrs. Allen and Miss Bruce spoke on Domestic Economy (Nov.6)

Mr. Russell spoke on the Humor of Shakespeare (Nov. 20)

Mr. J. J. Misa [sp?] spoke on The Indians of the Painted Desert (Dec. 4)

Talks: Miss Wilson - "Waterways"; Prof. Roberts - Waterways of Netherlands (Jan.18)

Talks: Mrs. Marriott on Personal Safety; Miss Davies on Civic Center. (Jan. 29)

Dr. Jordan spoke on "The Prospects of World Peace." (Feb.5)

Prof. E. B. Kread__eil [sp] spoke on "Civil Service." (Mar. 5)

Prof. Dabvidson spoke on "Play -Its Uses and Abuses." (Mar.19)

Rev. Mr. Hays spoke on "OutrCounty Jail." (Mar. 19)

Miss Grace Davis spoke on "Progressive Playground Work." (Mar.19)

Miss Greene spoke on "Needs of Playground." (Mar. 19)

Mrs. Chas. Thompson spoke on "Work of the Year by Civics Department." (Mar.19)

Mrs. Munger spoke on "Those Who Work with Their Hands? (Apr. 2)

Miss Wilson spoke on "Arts & Craft." (Apr. 2)

Prof. Greene spoke on Legislation." (Apr. 16)

Annual Report of Sect. For Year 1912 - 1913

Executive Board Meeting, June 3, 1912

Regular meeting of the Executive Board held at the home of Mrs. Buchan, June 3. Present- Mrs. Buchan, Mrs. Dingley, Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Morrison & Mrs. Swearingen. Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted with one correction (Mrs. Green had been allowed \$2.50 toward cost of lantern for Waterways lecture). It was moved and seconded that treasury be drawn upon for \$2.50 cost of lantern. Moved & sec that bill of \$2.50 to Kinksey boys for cleaning be allowed. The matter of heads of departments was discussed and the matter left undecided. Mrs. Morrison was elected Corresponding Sec.

Members of the Board urged to attend meeting of Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, June 6 to consider ways of entertaining Biennial officers & delegates. Meeting adjourned until June 17.

Margaret Swearingen, Sec.

Executive Board Meeting, June 17, 1912

Extra session of Board called at Mrs. M.A. Buchans, Monday, June 17. Present Mrs. Buchan-Templeton, Priesker, Roller, Adams, Swearingen. It was moved & sec that a called meeting of the club be held Wed June 19 to hear the report of the state convention and to discuss entertainment of the Biennial on June 28 and for a general discussion of next year's program.

After informal discussion of summer entertainment to be given by Club, meeting adjourned.

Margaret Swearingen, Sec.

June 19, 1912

A called meeting of Woman's Club was held at Masonic Temple, Wed., June 19. Reports were heard from Biennial Luncheon com., Flower com. Reception & University com.

It was moved & sec that c__t[?] of bungalow be loaned Miss Wilson.

An invitation extended club to Arts & Crafts Exhibit at Civic Center in S.F. It was moved & sec that condolences be sent to Mrs. Rosebrooke and same be sp[?] read on minutes.

"Whereas, our friend & Club Member, Mrs. Rosebrooke, has been called upon to sustain a sudden & terrible loss in the death of her husband

Be it resolved that we regret the removal from our midst of a noble & upright citizen:

That we extend to our Club sister our deepest sympathy & trust she may be sustained & comforted in this her hour of trial

Mrs. Roller was appointed Com to serve refreshments to Calif. Promotion Club on Sat. June 02. Program [sp] for coming year was discussed at some length and a number of excellent suggestions offered. It was moved & sec that a club party be given during July. Meeting adjourned

Margaret Swearingen, Sec.

July 16, 1912

A called meeting of the Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. M.A. Buchan. Report of luncheon com. was read. Two telephone bills, one of 35 c and the other 40 c were voted paid. Bill for carnations sent to Mrs. Rosebrooke was presented & voted that it be allowed. Bill of \$1.50 rent was presented voted that it be allowed. An interesting discussing of Club work followed in which many plans for the coming year were made. (M.K.S.)

Aug. 5

Ex board of Woman's Club met at Mrs. Buchans at 2:30 P.M. Nine members present. A motion to pay the quarterly payment of \$2.00 due on the Panama Exhibition [?] was carried. The advisability of promoting play ground work & of making improvements was discussed. A report of Club fund committee showed \$500.00 in sight. It was decided to hold a food sale Aug. 31st.

The president said the prospects for a fine program was good. It was suggested that it would be desirable at the first meeting to discuss the benefits of attending the biennial. The benefits belonging to the Federation was discussed. The club has \$1742.27 in the savings acc't & 200.57 in checking acc't.

M.E. Templeton, Sec. pro tem

Sept. 2/12 [1912]

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Ex board met with Mrs. M.G.Adams of Los Altos at 2:30. Mrs.Thompson reported on play ground com.

It was moved & sec that board recommend to the Club, the following:

That play ground committee be tendered use of club lot until needed for some other purpose.

That visitors be excluded from business meetings of the club.

That by-law regarding club dues be amended to read "Members shall pay an initiation fee of \$1.00 on admission to club - the annual dues of this club shall be \$2.00 payable the 1st quarter. Meeting adjourned.

Marguerite K. Swearingen

Sept. 18/12 [1912]

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Sept. 18, 1912 at the Masonic Hall at 2:30. Mrs. Buchan in the chair.

Report of summer board meetings was read. approved. Recommendations of board regarding use of club lot by play-ground com. and exclusion of visitors were accepted. It was moved & sec that by-law regarding change of club dues be read at next two meetings to give club time to consider the matter by law to be voted upon Oct. 16.

It was moved & sec that chair appoint two committees of three each one to visit the sick and the other to solicit members. Com. to report once a month. motion carried. It was moved & sec that club join National Federation - motion carried. (Matter was left open until close of meeting) A letter was read from Mrs. Shuman extending a greeting to the club asking for co-operation during the year and a request was made that anyone who had a subject they would like discussed at the convention to be held at Santa Cruz would send same to Mrs. Shuman by the end of the month. The names of ten women were added to the Club roll call.

Reports were heard from Club fund com Social com and from food sale com all of which were very gratifying and showing good work. It was moved and sec that \$100.00 be transferred from the checking acc't to the saving's acc't - carried. Mrs. Greene gave an interesting report from the State Convention.

The meeting was then given over to the calendar subject "Echoes of the Biennial" and very delightful echoes they were. Mrs. Coburn told of her Experiences- Mrs. Thompson spoke especially of Mrs. Decker on the Memorial - Mrs. Park on the Peace movement & Baron Von Sutter - Mrs. Bell of her impressions Mrs. Karns & Mrs. G----? of the pleasure they had in their work & attendance, Mrs. Corbert of the Suffrage luncheons, Mrs. Buchan of a pleasant and happy meeting with Mrs. Moore, Mrs. LaPiere & Mrs. Hundley on the experiences of sight seen [sp.] guide. All reports showed that the Biennial was a wonderful success from every view point.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite Swearingen, Sec.

Oct. 2/12

Woman's Club meeting at Masonic Hall Oct. 2 at 2:30 P.M. The regular meeting was voted to be postponed with the exception of the reading of the proposed amendment to the by-laws. Mrs. Karns spoke on the Civil Service question and Mrs. Shuman addressed the meeting on the subject of year's work. Mrs. Shuman dist--[? this is a note added in] presided. The Redwood City Club were guests. The meeting was then given into the hands of Mrs. Crooks & the La Volta Club by whom they were delightfully entertained. The refreshment committee served ice cream and cake to about 150 ladies. Meeting adjourned

M. K. Swearingen

Oct. 7, '12

Executive Board met at the home of the president Mrs. Buchan. 8 present - The following bills were allowed - \$3.00 bill for rent \$2.00 for flowers (sent to Miss Culver per capita tax \$1.40 to Mrs. Stevenson for work at last meeting

The matter of a cafeteria luncheon & dinner was discussed and a recommendation made that matter be further discussed at regular club meeting. Meeting adjourned

M.K. Swearingen, Sect.

Oct. 16-'12

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Woman's Club met for its regular meeting in Masonic Hall at 2:30. Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A letter from Mrs. Park was read asking for aid to the Suffrage cause in Arizona. It was moved & sec that the proposed change in the by-law be left until ^{later} ~~latter~~ in the afternoon before being voted upon. Later it was decided to carry over until next meeting. The following delegates were nominated to go to convention at Santa Cruz Mrs. Green Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Preisker, alternate Mrs. Templeton, Swearingen, Roller. Mrs. Karns invited the club to a party at her house Oct. 25. It was moved & seconded that the club hold a cafeteria [sp] at a time and place to be decided upon later - motion carried Mrs. Thompson asked for members to join the Play ground Association also a fee of \$1.00 each. Mrs. Templeton spoke of cigarette law that the W.C.T.U. women are trying to put through in Palo Alto a movement that will do away with cigarette smoking in Palo Alto. It was moved & sec that a committee be appointed to go into this matter with the W.C.T.U.

The speakers of the day were Mr. Kelly who talked of the amendments & Miss Wilson who gave an interesting talk on craft. Meeting adjourned.

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

Nov. 4th

The Executive Board met with the president Mrs. Buchan at 2:30 P.M. 7 ladies present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were allowed \$20 for printing of year book \$3.00 rent of hall \$1.25 to Mills Florist \$1.55 to Bixby and Lillie for cakes.

The resignation from the board of Mrs. Geraldine Frisbie was read and accepted with [?] regrets [the following in pencil] and Mrs. Ella A. Meekins was elected to fill the vacancy.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen

Nov. 6

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Nov. 6, 1912. On the absence of the pres. Mrs. Dingley, v-pres., in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A report was given from the cafeteria. It was moved & sec that the amendment to the by-laws be laid over until another meeting. The com. appointed on the matter of cigarettes was Mrs. Vail, Templeton and Greene. Mrs. Templeton objected to the com. saying the ladies appointed were already members of the W.C.T.U. com. A resolution was read from this. The W.C.T.U., com. and discussed by Mrs. Templeton. It was moved and sec. that the club approve the resolution as read.

Mr. Talbert local commissioner of the Boy Scouts talked to the club on the prospective visit of the National field scout commissioner, Samuel A. Moffat, and asked that the members of the club entertain or help to entertain some of the visitors at that time. At the close of the meeting it was moved & sec. that the club cooperate with the Scouts & pres. appoint com. to confer with them.

Mrs. Pralck [sp?] White as Chairman of the day secured Mrs. Allen, Dean of Women & Miss Bruce of the Domestic Science work in the High School who gave most delightful talk on Domestic Economy for which they were voted the hearty thanks of the club.

Mrs. Wilbur & Mrs. Park spoke of the fly pests and asked the women to do what they could to do away with these disagreeable pests. Adjourned.

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

Nov. 20 - '12

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was held in Masonic Hall Nov. 20 - 1912 at 2:30. Minutes of board meeting and last regular meeting were read. Mrs. Templeton reported from the Scouts meeting. Mrs. Greene Mrs. Sheldon and Mrs. Swearingen were appointed to act with the com. on laws. Mrs. Templeton and Mrs. Bodley Scouts com. The report from cafeteria showed \$72.80 in treas. after all bills were paid. The motion to amend the by law regarding Club dues was voted upon by rising vote and motion was lost. It was moved and sec. that every woman present bring in new member during the year - motion lost.

In the absence of Mrs. Colburn Chairman of the day Mrs. Buchan introduced Mrs. Russell of Stanford University who gave a most delightful talk of the Humor of Shakespeare. Reports for the Santa Cruz convention were read by Mrs. Jordan & Mrs. Karns. Mrs. Corbert discussed the work of the play ground association and it was moved & sec. that the club endorse the movement. Meeting adjourned.

M. K. Swearingen, Sec.

Dec 2 - '12

The Ex. board meeting was held at Mrs. Buchans Mon. Dec 2. Seven present. Minutes of previous meeting read - approved..

The following bills were allowed

to Ernest Wilson Co. - 11.10 refreshments

Masonic Association 3.00 rent

Earl and Co. 1.20 dishes

City & County taxes 20.62

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K Swearingen, Sec.

Dec. 4 - '12

The regular meeting of the Club was held Dec. 4 in Masonic Hall. Minutes of the previous read & approved. Mrs. Thompson discussed playground work and asked for donation. It was moved and sec that the Club give \$2.00 to W.C.T.U. rest room and \$3.00 to Playground monthly for next ten months-motion carried. some communication on Civil Service laws were read & it was moved & sec that Mrs. Karns appoint a com. from the club to work with her on this matter and to include Mrs. Rosebrooke in her com. Motion carried. The names of Mrs. J.H. McEldowney and Mrs. Frank Alberson were added to the roll call. The program was in the care of Mrs. M. O. Adams. After several delightful musical numbers by Madam Argenti of San Francisco and Mrs. Hall of San Jose, the speaker of the afternoon J. J. Misa [sp] was introduced and under the subject "The Indians of the Painted Desert" he gave many of his interesting experiences of his life among the Indians of Arizona. Meeting adjourned.

Marguerite K. Swearingen, sec.

Dec.- 18 '12

The regular meeting of the Club was held Dec. 18 at Masonic Hall. Sect's report read and approved. Dates for January meetings were changed to third and fifth Wednesdays instead of first and third.

Program under the auspices of the social and dramatic section proved a very delightful one. The program was music by Mrs. J. W. Roller & sons. Songs by Mrs. Weingartner & Mrs. Brown dancing by Mrs. Crooks and readings by Mrs. Lauterstein. Tea & cakes were served.

M.K. Swearingen, Sect-

Jan.6 '13 [1913]

Meeting of the Ex board at Mrs. Buchans.

Bill for rent was presented and allowed on motion by Mrs. Adams.

The president introduced the subject of having the club calender printed in the Times for the remainder of the Club year. Motion made by Mrs. Morrison - Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

M.K. Swearingen, Sec't.

Jan.15 '13 [1913]

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club held Jan -15-'13 at Masonic Hall the minutes of the previous meeting were read & approved. letters were read from Cal. Federation regarding Joint Guardianship and personal letters to Legislators urged, also a letter regarding Club houses for girls in Berkeley who are trying to be self supporting. It was moved by Mrs. Greene and sec by Mrs. Thompson that \$5.00 be sent for this fund. Motion carried. A letter from the Sempervirens Club called for \$1.00. It was moved by Mrs. Roller, sec by Mrs. Thompson that the \$1.00 be sent Motion carried. Notice was given that Mrs. Burkhart & com would give party in Masonic Hall Jan. 29. The following bills were allowed - Times Pub Co. \$1.75 Cleaning club lot by city .45 ¢ Playground \$3.00

The name of Mrs. E. B. Shugart was added to club list. Mrs. E. G. Greene was chairman of the day. Miss Laura Wilson gave two piano solos - Mrs. Greene gave a short talk on the work of the Waterways Com. and had the club read the Com's plea for pure streams. Prof. I. P. Roberts spoke on the Waterways of the Netherlands. Meeting adjourned.

M. K. Swearingen, Sect.

Jan 25 - '13

A called meeting of the board was held at the home of the President to consider the Mother's Pension Bill. It was moved by Mrs. Dingley that the club endorse the Mother's Pension Bill as proposed by Miss Todd - seconded by Mrs. Roller. carried unanimously - It was moved and sec. that each chairman of programmes be given six guest cards for her day - carried. It was moved and sec. that the board recommend to the Club that Dr. Jordan's lecture be made an open meeting - carried.

It was moved & sec that resolutions of sympathy be drafted and sent to Mrs. Stewart & the family of Mrs. Gossett - Mrs. Dingley - Mrs. Jordan & Mrs. Swearingen to act as com.

M.K. Swearingen, sect.

Resolutions of Sympathy

Whereas, the Palo Alto Woman's Club has suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. J. A. Gossett, one of its esteemed members, and

Whereas, the Club realizes its own loss and deeper regrets the sorrow that has come to the husband and family.

Be it resolved that the Woman's Club of Palo Alto express its sympathy for Mr. Gossett and the family in the loss of their beloved wife and mother, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and sp--[?] upon the minutes of the club.

Mrs. C. G. Dingley

Mrs. C. E. Jordan

Mrs. F. C. Swearingen

Whereas one of our numbers, Mrs. M. M. Stuart has suffered a very deep affliction in the death of her mother, Mrs. McKay, and -

Whereas, the Woman's Club deeply regrets this sorrow that has come the Mrs. Stuart

Be it resolved, that the Woman's Club express to Mrs. Stuart their sincere sympathy for her in her loss, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Stuart and also spread [?] upon the minutes of the Club. Mrs. C. G. Dingley - Mrs. C. E. Jordan - Mrs. F. C. Swearingen

Jan. 29 '13

At the regular meeting of the Club held Jan. 29 - 1913 in Masonic Hall the minutes of the previous meeting also of called board meeting were read and approved.

The recommendations of the board were accepted.

It was moved and sec. that sect. write to Governor-State Senator & Representative regarding Mothers Pension Bill - Motion carried.

Resolutions of sympathy to Mr. Gossett and family and also to Mrs. M. M. Stuart were adopted.

An invitation to a Civics Com. luncheon to be held in San Francisco Feb. 1 was read to the Club. It was moved & sec. that Mrs. Perry prepare plans for the improvement of the Club lot and report. ✓

It was moved and sec. that Mrs. Roller and com. endeavor to sell one hundred magazines to send to Mrs Gordon of VanCouver, B.C. Mrs. Chas. Thompson, head of the Civics Dept. was chairman of the day. The program was as follows -

Miss Marriott of San Jose on Personal Safety

Miss Grace Davis on Civic's Center

Miss Bixby two vocal solos

Meeting adjourned M. K. Swearingen, Sect -

Feb. 3 -1913

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Ex board met with the Pres., Mrs. Buchan The following bills were allowed

Rent \$3.00 Per capita tax \$11.90

It was moved and seconded that a food sale be held Feb. 22

It was recommended by the board that the by law regarding club dues be amended to read

Members shall pay an initiation fee of \$1.00 on admission to club.

The annual dues of this club shall be \$2.00 payable the 1st quarter.

This amendment to take affect the beginning of year following its adoption. Meeting adjourned
Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

Feb. 5 - '13.

At the regular meeting of the Club held in Masonic Hall Wednesday Feb 5 the minutes of the previous meeting also of called board meeting were read and approved. A letter from the Cal Club of San Francisco was read asking for letters or telegrams to be sent to Congressman of this district seeking financial aid from the government to the suppression of White Slave traffic. It was moved & sec that secretary write such a letter

Mrs. Burkhart chairman of Party Com. reported a successful party and reported \$20.00 net profits.

It was moved and seconded that president appoint com. of three to look up ordinance in regard to garbage cans & barns etc & to report. It was moved & sec that sec write to Chairman of Board of Safety in regard to cigarette law.

Dr. Jordan was speaker of the day using as his subject "The Prospect of World Peace" The Club was delightfully entertained with vocal music by Miss Ethel Ostrander & piano solos by Mr. Flute.

The County Alliance was entertained by the Club - Meeting adjourned
Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect

Feb 19 - '13

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club held in Masonic Hall Wednesday P.M. Feb 19 report of the previous meeting was read and approved - The Corresponding Sect. reported letters written to various Senators & Congressmen seeking aid on Mothers Pension Bill also funds for the suppression of White Slave traffic and a letter sent to Palo Alto Board of Public Safety in regard to City law.

Mrs. Park read a letter from Mrs. Wale [sp] asking for seeds & slips for San Francisco school settlement seeds to be sent on or about Feb 25 & Mch 11 The president announced a food sale for Mch 1. A letter was read from V.V. Harries offering the Playhouse for sale to the club A letter was read from San Jose Club inviting the Club to the County Alliance at San Jose Feb. 22.

The ordinances regard garbage - barns - their care etc. was read. It was moved & sec that a com of three be appointed to remind the counsel of this ordinance which is not kept. - motion carried. The by law regarding club dues was amended to read -

Members shall pay an initiation fee of \$1.00 on admission to the club. The annual dues of this club shall be \$2.00 payable the 1st quarter

This amendment to take effect the beginning of the year following its adoption.

The name of of Mrs. E. M. Davis was added to the Club.

The program on Music was given by Mrs. Jusy, district chairman of Music; assisted by Mrs. Roper. The Club gave these ladies a rising vote of thanks for a delightful afternoon

After a social half hour the meeting adjourned

M.K. Swearingen - Sect.

Mch - 3 - '13

Ex - board met with the Pres. Mrs. Buchan Mch 3 - '13 at 2:30 The following bills were allowed

Mch rent \$3.00

Restroom (Mch) 2.00

Restroom (Sept. to Mch) 12.00

Playground (Feb & Mch) 6.00

It was moved and seconded that Professor E. B. Kreachbeil lecture be an open meeting. motion carried. It was moved and seconded that the resolution regarding Park and Playground be presented to the club for consideration - Carried. Meeting adjourned

M.K. Swearingen Sect

Mch 5 - '13.

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club, held Wed Mch 5 - 1913 at Masonic meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. M. A. Buchan - minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

The Cor.. sect. reported letters received from Governor Johnson - Congressmen & Senators favouring [sp] Mothers Pension Bill & anti-White Slave traffic.

Com. on food sale reported \$42.35 and com thanked all who aided at the sale.

The president named Mrs. Thompson - Mrs. J. W. Roller - Mrs. Eli King com to visit counsel in behalf of ordinances on garbage wagons - stable boxes etc.

Mrs. Jeffreys offered, in behalf of a com from the church - the M. E. church to the club as a club-house - offered for \$1200. It was moved sec & carried that a committee of three be appointed by pres. to confer with church com also with Mr. Harrier in regard to play house - This com consisting of Mrs. Morrison, Vail & Hundley.

It was moved by Mrs. Templeton seconded by Mrs. Hundley that club endorse the following resolutions

"Whereas, the city of Palo Alto is without public square-park or playground, and

Whereas, there are very few available acres purchasable in the city of Palo Alto at the present time, and

Whereas, there will be less acreage for park purposes each year, and none in a few years hence, and

Whereas, the price of land in Palo Alto is cheaper than it will be in the future, and

Whereas, a park in which a playground is included, is a necessity for the welfare of the citizens and for their children; therefore be it

Resolved that the city council be requested to take the necessary steps to hold a bond election in the near future to provide \$35,000 for the purchase of said park & the equipment of said playground; and be it further

Resolved, That the Woman's Club endorse these resolutions and appoint a com of three to present this resolution to the city council at the proper time.

On this com. it was moved sec & carried that Mrs. M.A. Buchan-Mrs. Perry-Mrs. Karns act

The name of Mrs. M.A. Clayton was added to the club roll. It was moved-seconded-carried that Mch 19 be an open meeting. * Mrs. Karns state chairman of Civil Service - introduced Prof. E.B. Kreadhleil [sp?] who spoke on Civil Service.

* After Miss Roulliew [sp] had entertained the Club with a piano solo.

Meeting adjourned

M.K. Swearingen, Sect.

Mch 14 '13

A called meeting of the Ex board was held Mch 14 - '13 at First Nat'l Bank.

It was moved and sec. that Resolution sent by Patriotic League opposing all cemetery bills now pending receive [sp] the endorsement of the board - carried. It was moved - sec & carried that the club endeavor to make a date early in April for an afternoon affair with "The Maskers."

Meeting Adjourned

M. K. Swearingen, Sect.

Mch 19 '13

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The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's club was called to order by the president Mrs. M. A. Buchan in Masonic Hall Wednesday March 19 1913 at 2:30. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read by the corresponding secretary from Thomas C. Marshall Chairman of Committee on Philanthropy and Social Service asking the support of the Club on the proposed law or bill relating to State farms. A letter was also read from the pres of the Sempervirens Club asking the endorsement of the Redwood Park Bill. A telegram regarding the "No Sale" law was read by Mrs Karns. This law otherwise known as Flint-Carey Bill was indorsed [sp] by the board. It was moved & sec that the action of the board regarding this bill be ratified.

It was moved and seconded that Club send night-letter to Senator Boynton-pres pro tem-asking him to support the Red Light Injunction and Abatement Bill-carried.

The program for the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Chas Thompson, Chairman of the Civics Department.

Prof Davidson spoke on "Play - its Uses and Abuses."

Rev. Mr. Hays - on "Our County Jail"

Miss Grace Davis on "Progress in Playground Work"

Miss Greene on "Needs of Playground"

Mrs Chas. Thompson on "Work of the Year by Civics Department"

A short business session was held at the close of this meeting and the report of the committee appointed to see the council on garbage ordinance was accepted.

Committee [sp] appointed to look into matter of purchasing club house reported - Report was accepted and com discharged. It was moved and seconded that any discussion of this subject be postponed until next meeting.

Magazine committee reported \$5.00 as result of magazine sale.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

Mch 31 - '13

The ex - board met Mch 31-1913 with Mrs. Buchan when the following bills were allowed

Rent 2.00

Playground 3.00

Restroom 2.00

April 2 - '13

The regular meeting of Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order in the Masonic Hall April 2 - '13 at 2:30. The President Mrs. Buchan in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The President reported \$152.00 as result of canvas of town made by club women for flood suffering in the East. The corresponding sect read a letter of instruction to delegates for state convention at Fresno. The following delegates & alternates were elected - Mrs. Corbert delegate Mrs. J.W. Roller alternate. Mrs. Preisker delegate Mrs. Chas. Thompson Alternate Mrs. Lucy delegate Mrs. Templeton alternate.

A nominating com. to nominate officers for the ensuing year was elected-namely Mrs. Lakin, Mrs. Dingley, Mrs. George, Mrs. Karns & Mrs. Woodward.

Miss Wilson was chairman of the day. Mrs. Buchan introduced Mrs Munger who spoke on "Those who work with their hands." This was followed by a short talk from Miss Wilson on the true meaning of Arts & Crafts as she saw it. A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Munger.

It was moved and sec that the two propositions made to the club regarding purchase of buildings be rejected.

Meeting Adjourned

M. K. Swearingen, Sect.

April-16-'13

The regular meeting of Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order in the Masonic Hall Wed. April 2 - '13. Called to order by the president Mrs. Buchan. Report of the last meeting was read and approved.

President reported receipt of \$9.00 to be added to the fund for flood sufferers. Treas. reported net proceeds of party held April 10 - to be \$13.00. It was moved and sec. that sec't. write letter of appreciation & thanks to the Maskers for their playlet presented at the party.

Mrs. Lakin-chairman of the nom. com. reported nominations as follows

President - Mrs. Charlotte G. Dingley

Vice President - Mrs. E. E. George

Secretary - Mrs. F. C. Swearingen

Treasurer - Mrs. Ernest Wilson

Board

Mrs. J.W. Roller, Mrs. C. T. Morrison, Mrs. Chas. Thompson, Mrs. Geo Meekins,

Mrs. Carrie J. Preisker, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. G. R. Slocum

It was moved & sec & carried that report of com be accepted.

The cor. sec. read a letter from Mrs Swa--[?] on the proposed measure before the legislature regarding health certificate before marriage. It was moved sec. & carried that Club endorse this bill and write as requested. Also a letter was read announcing a lecture to be given by Mr. Trask on Art in San Francisco April 22 and an invitation to the club member to be present. Mrs. Thompson announced a play for play ground benefit to be given at the Armory, May 2

A request for old clothing and a com to assist in recieving [sp] and collecting- to be sent to flood sufferers in Hamilton, Ohio came from Mrs. Boone. It was moved that the request be granted & pres. appoint com. Mrs. Geo Meekins, Mrs. C.E. Jordan & Mrs. Shugert were appointed. Club was reminded of school election Sat.

Mrs. Buchan in the absence of Mrs. Rosebrooke, the chairman, introduced Prof. Greene who spoke on Legislation. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Prof. Greene at the close of his lecture.

Mrs. Roller & Mrs. Arthur Roller entertained the club with violin & piano selection & were given a vote of thanks not only for the music of that day but the many past favours. Meeting adjourned.

M. K. Swearingen, Sect.

May 5 - '13

The Ex. board met with Mrs. M.A. Buchan the president - May 5 1913. The minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved. The following bills were allowed

Rent 3.00

Playground 3.00

Restroom 2.00

It was moved & sec that Mrs. Preisker be authorized to look after cleaning of club lot. carried. The board recommended to the club that the observance of Founders Day be postponed one [?] week. Also that luncheon be furnished by some caterer [at ----? added in pencil]

Meeting adjourned.

M.K. Swearingen, Secy.

1913 Annual Election 1914**May 7 - '13**

The regular meeting of Palo Alto Woman's Club was held May 7 -1913 in Masonic Hall called to order by the president Mrs. Buchan. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Recommendations of the board were read regarding Founders Day.

Mrs. Meekins reported 27 sacks of clothing sent to Hamilton, Ohio for flood sufferers. President reported the gratitude of Mrs. Boone for help rendered in this matter. The annual reports of the recording sect.-corresponding sect.-treasurer & president were given and accepted & placed on file. Mrs. Buchan reported letter from State sec't. thanking the club for its support of different bills during the year. Mrs. Lakin asked that a rising vote of thanks be given the president for her excellent report.

Election

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After the reading of the roll call of members entitled to vote the election proceeded as follows-
Upon voting Sect cast the ballot for

Mrs. Charlotte G. Dingley for president
Mrs. E.E. George for Vice president
Mrs. F. C. Swearingen for secretary
Mrs. Ernest Wilson for treasurer

These were voted for separately & declared elected by the president Mrs. Buchan.

Secretary also cast a vote for the entire board- Mrs. C.T. Morrison, Mrs. J.W. Roller, Mrs. Geo. Meckins, Mrs. G.R. Slocum, Mrs. Carrie J. Preisky, Mrs. Chas. Thompson and Mrs. Frank White and they were declared elected by pres.

Mrs. Dingley the president elect in a few well chosen words thanked the club for the office given her and asked its support in the coming year on the state convention held at Fresno for which she was given a vote of thanks. It was moved & sec that Founders Day be postponed until May 28. Also that a luncheon be served that day by a caterer.

Mrs. E. E. George offered to make ice cream for the luncheon. Mrs. Swearingen reported from different caterers & It was moved & sec that Mrs. Vandervoots .50 ¢ offer be accepted with Mrs. Georges offer for cream. Also that pres. put the matter in hands of a com. Club cook-book was put on sale. Letter read from Mrs. Ella Richardson with check for \$25.00 for fund-

M. K. Swearingen - Sect.

Annual Report of Sect. for Year 1912 -1913

The year for the Palo Alto Woman's Club opened with the annual reception held Sept. 4 -1912. There have been fifteen regular meetings with programs as follows:

- Sept. 18 - Echoes of the Biennial
- Oct. 2 - La Volta Club of Stanford under leadership of Mrs. Crooks.
- Oct. 16 - Home Economics - Mrs. Allen, Dean of Women
Miss Bruce, P. A. High School Domestic Science
- Nov. 6 - Amendments Mrs. W. H. Kelly Craft - Miss Maude Wilson
- Nov. 20 - Humor Shakespeare by Mrs. T. P. Russell
- Dec. 4 - Indians of Painted Desert by J.J. Misa
Madam Asngusti Music by Mrs. Hale
- Dec. 18 - Music by Mrs. J. W. Roller & Sons
Vocal " Mrs. Weingartner and Mrs. S. Billy Brower
Dances Mrs. M. L. Crooks
Readings Mrs. Laura Lauterstein
- Jan. 15 - Waterways Prof. I. P. Roberts & Mrs. E.G. Greene
Music Miss Laura Williamson
- Jan. 29 - Personal Safety by Miss Marriott of San Jose
Civic Center Miss Grace Davis
Vocal solos by Miss Bixby
- Feb. 5 - Prospect of World Peace by Dr. D. S. Jordan
Music by Miss Ostrander & Mr. Flint - County Alliance entertained
Dist. Chairman assisted by Mrs. Roper
- Mch. 5 - Civil Service Prof. E. B. Kriebiel
Dist. Chairman assisted by Mrs. Roper
- Mch. 19 - Play Its Uses & Abuses - Prof. Davidson
Our County Jail -Rev. Walter Hays
Playground Work - Miss Davis
Playground needs - Miss Greene
The year's work by Mrs. Chas. Thompson
- Apr. 2 - Those who work with their hands by Mrs. Dell Munger
The new meaning of craft Miss M. Wilson
- Apr. 16 - Legislation - Prof. Greene

Five parties have been given during the year with most satisfactory results both from a social and financial stand point. Two food sales and a cafeteria lunch & dinner were given which netted goodly sums.

The Club has assisted in the support of the restroom & playground..

As a result of a canvas made by members to assist the Chamber of Commerce \$161.00 was collected to send to Ohio flood sufferers. Also 27 sacks of clothing were collected for this purpose and sent to Hamilton, Ohio.

The following bills have received the endorsement of the club and in most instances letters have been sent to Sacramento to the Governor or legislators.

Red Light Injunction and Abatement Bill
 Bill regarding health certificate before marriage.
 Bill relating to State Farms
 Mothers Pension Bill
 Joint Guardianship Bill
 Cemetery Bill

The City Council of Palo Alto was petitioned to raise the legal age of cigarette smoking from 18 to 21 years. This is now a law. Also through petition of club, garbage ordinances have been more strictly observed. Club has started petition for municipal park and playground.

Twenty three new members have been added to the roll call this year.

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

May 28, 1913

The Woman's Club closed its year with a Founder's Day" luncheon at Palo Alto Hotel May 28 - 1913.

After the luncheon Mrs. M. A. Buchan, the retiring president, acted as toast mistress and the following women responded

Mrs. A.C. Corbert "In the days of the Founders"
 Mrs. J. S. Lakin "Past Presidents"
 Mrs. E. S. Karns "Federation Spirit"
 Mrs. J. F. Parkinson "The Club Woman"
 Mrs. C. H. Gilbert "Club Grandmothers"
 Mrs. M. O. Adams "Work & Play in Club Life"
 Mrs. M. A. Buchan "The Ideal Woman"
 Mrs. C. G. Dingley (pres. elect) "The Pres - Elect"
 Mrs. Kate K. Hutchinson "a talk on old presidents"

Greetings were read by Mrs. L. R. Lautterstein from Mrs. M. O. Culver, Mrs. F. A. Stuart & Mrs. E. G. Greene.

Program was closed with a delightful reading by Mrs. L. R. Lautterstein "Jimmy on Babies."

Meeting Adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen
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Annual Summary

August 1913 to May 1914

No. of Board Meetings: 7

Board: Mrs. Dingley, pres., Mmes.: Swearingen, George, Preisker, Roller, Thompson, Meekins, Wilson, Morrison, Slocum and White.

Departments and Chairs:

Finances:

Secure safety deposit boxes (Aug.5 Oct.15)

Bills (Aug.4 Sept.1,29 Nov.3 Dec.1 Jan.5 Feb.2 Mar.2,4,30 May 5,29

Annual Dues (Jan.21 Feb. 18)

Financial Report (Aug.4 Sept.17 Oct.15 May 20)

Fund Raising:

Club Play at Varsity Theater (Mar. 4)

New England Art Sale (Aug.4,11)

Mr. Flint's Concert (Aug.4,11 Sept.17 Oct.1)

Afternoon Social (Oct.1)

Subscription paper (Oct.1 Mar.30 Apr.1,15)

Food Sale (Mar.18)

Action/Event:

Petition to stay all executions (June 2)

Pioneer Day (Sept.17)

Caffeteria (Sept.29 Oct.1)

Red Light Law (Sept.17 Feb.18)

Chautauqua (Nov.19 May 20)

Benches (Sept.29)

Clean up Week (March 2,4)

Peace work (Sept.29 Oct.1 Apr.15)

Voter Registration (Jan.7)

Hetch Hetchy water (Nov. 19)

Child Labour (Jan. 7)

Santa Rosa Convention (Oct.1 Nov.5)

Go to Church Sunday (Feb. 18)

Road into Big Basin, Sempervirens (Dec.17)

City Trees (Apr. 15 May 20)

Death of Mary Campbell, Club Founder (Dec.1)

Travelers Aid (May 5,6 May 20)

Support Bonds for County Roads Nov.19)

Request Woman Police Officer in Palo Alto (Nov.3, 10)

Resolution against war in Mexico (May 6)

Endorsed Miss Howe for County Superintendent of Schools (May 20)

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Speakers:

Talks by pioneer Club women on "Pioneer Day" (Sept. 29)

Mrs. Sanborn & Mrs. Shipman spoke of women working on the Panama Pacific Exposition (Sept. 29)

Mrs. DeForest spoke on "Constantinople" (Sept. 29 Oct. 2)

Mrs. Woodbridge read a paper on "Civic Improvement." (Nov. 5)

Prof. Doane spoke on "Samoa" (Nov.19)

Mrs. Evans gave a food demonstration (Dec.1)

Mrs. Amy Hittel spoke on the "The Prevention of Tuberculosis (Dec. 3)

Hon. Chas. Westley spoke on the "State Civil Service Com." (Dec.17)

Miss Maude Wilson spoke on "The Relation of Art and Economic Conditions" (Jan.7)

Dr. Anna Peck spoke on "Egypt" (Jan. 21)

Mrs. Miller spoke on her experience as a juror. (Feb.4)

Miss Scott spoke on "Travellers aid" (Feb.4)

Mrs. Alice Park spoke on travel in "Holland." Feb. 18

Miss McKee spoke on "Craftsman work & the making of jewelry." (Mar.4)

Prof. Guido Marks spoke on "Vocational Training for Women." (Mar.18)

Mrs. Park spoke on her trip through the "British Isles." (Apr.1)

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June 2-'13

The ex-board met with Mrs. Swearingen June 2, 1913. Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dingley, the president. full attendance of board

The following bills were allowed

Rent for May \$ 3.00

Rest-rooms 2.00

Play ground 3.00

Postal cards (To Mrs. Roller) 1.10

The following motions were made and carried

That delinquent members be given opportunity to pay last years due and continue as members

That Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Preisker be committee to attend to the matter of revising list of members

That Mrs. May Coons Wilbur- press com. be given a complimentary ticket for the year 1913-14

That a standing com on finance be formed to act with the club and board on financial matters.

That Mrs. M. G. Adams be elected chairman of committee on Philanthropy

That Committees and Chairman of departments be accepted as discussed and President be empowered to fill vacancies.

Mrs. Morrison was elected cor-sect. & Mrs. George Parkinson was elected auditor.

Mrs Boone and Mrs. Vail came before the board and thanked the club for its hearty co-operation in the relief work for the Hamilton, Ohio flood sufferers.

Also, a petition was presented by Mrs. Boone asking for the signatures of club officers to petition Governor Johnson to stay all executions until the people of the state could vote on the question

Meeting adjourned -

July 7 - 1913 No quorum

Aug.4 - '13

Ex- board met with Mrs. Dingley Aug 4 1913. Meeting called to order by the president Mrs. Dingley. Those present - Mrs. Dingley - Mrs. Swearingen - Mrs. George - Mrs. Preisker Mrs. Roller - Mrs. Thompson - Mrs. Meekins-

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the financial com. was read. The following motions were made and carried -

That the board refer to the club the recommendation of the fin. com. that five or more small affairs be given to promote sociability and good fellowship & to help on running expenses.

That a necessary supply of the constitution and revised by-laws be printed and distributed to club members.

That the subscription list now in the hands of Mrs. Buchan be turned over to Mrs. Dingley, the president. Moved by Mrs. Preisker seconded by Mrs. Swearingen

That Mrs. C. Jordan be appointed auditor

That a called meeting be held Monday, Aug 11 to discuss the Helen Keller lecture and other program business.

That Woman's Club secure safe deposit box in bank for its important papers moved by George That (\$1200.00) twelve hundred dollars be taken from First National Bank and placed in Bank of Palo Alto. Moved by George

That we have a New England Art Sale the fifth Wednesday in October to be held in a private home.

It was recommended to the club that Mr. Flint give a concert under the auspices of the club in September the profits to be shared equally.

The president reported all committees filled. [added in pencil]- Motion made and carried that \$10 be paid for music for reception. [Written in side margin of the page the following] That the following bills be allowed Playground \$3.00 John Norton cleaning club lot \$1.75 Restroom \$2.00 Panama Pacific stock \$2.00

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect

Report of the Finance Com.

The finance committee appointed by the president are as follows:

Charlotte G. Dingley (ex officio)

Emily S. Karns

Caroline B. Morrison

Deborah Vail

Irene Buchan

Estelle Ober

The committee met at the home of the chairman June 13 and after due deliberation decided to offer the following recommendations to the ex board

First: Recommend that the 17th and 18th of Oct next be used for a two day affair to raise money to add to club fund.

Second: Recommend that a May Day fete be held for the raising of funds

Third: Recommend that five or more small affairs be given to promote sociability & good fellowship & to help running expenses.

Fourth: Recommend that a necessary supply of the constitution and revised by-laws be printed and distributed to club members.

Fifth: Recommend that our retiring president having thus far handled the club house subscription list should complete the collection of moneys already subscribe for & turn them over to the treasurer-

Respectfully submitted Emily S. Karns Ch.

Aug 11 - '13

A called meeting of the club was held Monday August 11, 1913 in Masonic Hall at 3 P.M. Meeting was called to discuss advisability of bringing Helen Keller to Palo Alto March 21, 1914 and other work of the year.

The recommendations of the board were read. The matter of Helen Keller was discussed and Mrs Thompson moved that for the sake of humanity and education the Woman's Club give the people of this town and vicinity the opportunity of hearing and seeing Helen Keller. Motion was seconded & carried. It was moved by Mrs. Greene - seconded by Mrs. Arthur Roller that the entertainment be left in the hands of the committees - carried. It was moved by Mrs. Templeton - seconded by Mrs. Roller that the club accept the plans of Mrs. Culver with Miss Campbell for an Art sale to be held the fifth Wednesday in October carried. It was moved by Mrs. Swearingen seconded by Mrs. Wilson that the club ratify the action of the board regarding the Flint concert and proceeds be equally divided & expenses equally shared- carried. It was moved and seconded & carried that the offer of a musical to be given by Miss Cleaver & Mrs. Eldrige be declined.

Meeting Adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen
Sect.

Sept 1- '13

The ex board met with Mrs. Dingley the president at 3 P.M. Monday Sept. 1. Those present Mrs. Dingley, Mrs. Swearingen, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Meekins, Mrs. Preisker, Mrs. White. The minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved. A letter was read from the vice-pres. Mrs. E.E. George extending greetings to the club.

Committee reported all in readiness for the reception.

It was moved by Mrs. Swearingen seconded by Mrs. Morrison that Mrs. Corbert be appointed custodian. carried. It was moved by Mrs. Preisker sec. by Mrs White that the club hold cup & saucer shower. carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Morrison sec. by Mrs. Preisker that treas send per capita tax- carried.

The following bills were allowed - Rent \$1.50 Rest rooms \$2.00 Paly ground \$3.00

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect

Sept 17 - '13

The meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was held in Masonic Hall Sept'17-'13. Called to order by the president Mrs. Dingley - Minutes of the summers were meetings read, adopted and approved. President reported that a small sum would be realized after all expenses were paid on the Flint concert.

Mrs. Templeton read a letter from Mrs. Dorr on the Red Light Law and explained the matter to the club. It was moved by Mrs. Roller sec. by Mrs. Varion that the club go on record endorsing the bill - carried.

Mrs. Corbert was chairman of the program on "Pioneer Day" and an interesting program was given with talks from the pioneer club women. A picture of the first president Mrs. Mary G. Campbell was presented to the club.

A cup & saucer shower was held and a number of pretty cups & saucers received.

Meeting Adjourned,

M. K. Swearingen, Sect.

Sept 29 '13

The ex board met with Mrs. Dingley the president at 2:30 P.M. Sept 29-'13 The minutes of the previous board meeting were read & approved. Those present -Mrs. Dingley- Mrs. Swearingen, Wilson, Morrison, Slocum, Roller, White Meekins Thompson and Preisker.

The following bills were allowed,

Aug 3 to Stuart for printing postals	\$ 2.70	
Aug 28 to same for year Books	17.50	
" " " " Constitution and By Laws	17.50	
Sept 1 " " " Invitations and Envelopes	5.25	
	42.95	
To Ernest Wilson for punch & bowl	4.75	for reception
" Ozier " "	3.75	
" Millers " cakes	2.88	
	11.38	
To Rest Room	2.00	
To hall rent (bill not in)		

Mrs. Thompson chairman of Civics reported a successful __aid {?} on the dirt around the benches on the circle and the kindly aid received from the chief of police Mr. Noble.

A letter was read from Mrs. C. E. Cumberson, District chairman of peace work, asking the cooperation of the club with peace work. Mrs. Thompson moved that the president appoint a com. on peace as requested.

A letter was read from the sect. of the Land show to be held in San Francisco asking for a representative. Mrs Preisker moved that Mrs. Meekins represent the club. sec. by Mrs. Roller.

Mrs. Slocum moved that Mrs. Buchan be asked if she will be willing to receive the unpaid subscriptions now on subscription list - sec by Mrs. Thompson - carried.

Moved by Mrs. Roller - sec. by Mrs. Wilson that Mrs. DeForest be asked to fill the fifth Wed. in Oct. - carried

Moved by Mrs. Meekins sec by Mrs Roller that the board recommend to the club that the club give a cafeteria Oct 27

Moved by Mrs. Swearingen sec by Mrs. Preisker that the board recommend to the club that a play be given under the supervision of Mrs. Lautterstein early February - carried

Meeting Adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect

Oct 1 - '13

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's club was held in Masonic Hall Oct-1-1913- Meeting called to order by the president Mrs. Dingley. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Recommendations of the board were read regarding a cafeteria to be given and a dramatic evening. After discussion Mrs. Preisker moved that two food sales be given instead of cafeteria-sec. by Mrs. Morrison carried. It was decided that the first sale was to be held Nov. 1 Mrs. Karns moved that Mrs. Lautterstein be given charge of a dramatic evening early in Feb. Carried.

Pres reported \$5.25 as result of Flint concert. Mrs. Buchan made a report as to moneys raised during her administration for club house fund. Mrs. Karns moved that the report be accepted- sec by Mrs. Preisker. Mrs. Karns moved that a vote of thanks be given Mrs. Buchan for her efforts in circulating her subscription paper for the benefit of the club house fund and that she be empowered to collect the outstanding subscriptions as far as possible. Also that any money so collected be turned over to the treasurer and that a final report of the same be made to club-the motion was seconded by Mrs. Preisker - carried.

Mrs. Karns moved that the club buy a box for books and valuable papers to be put in vault of bank- sec. by Mrs. Morrison - carried.

Delegates to Santa Rosa convention were elected as follows - Delegates Mrs. Buchan & Mrs. Preisker- alternates Mrs. Meekins & Mrs Woodard.

Mrs. Morrison moved that pres. appoint Peace com. Mrs Chas. Thompson & Mrs. H.F. Perrywere named.

It was announced that the fifth Wed. of Oct. at home of Mrs. Squire. This social afternoon where the women may bring their serving and visit. An admission of 25 cents to be charged.

The chairman of the Civics department urged an especially good attendance at the next meeting where the club will have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Sanborn-Pres of the Woman's board of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The names of Mrs. A.E. Peck - Miss Laura Hyde and Mrs. Cora S. Jordan were added to the club roll-call

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Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

*Mrs. Thompson spoke

Oct 15 - '13

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was held in Masonic Hall Oct 15 1913 at 2:30 P.M. Meeting called to order by the pres Mrs. Dingley. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

President reported that Mr. Parkinson of the Bank of Palo Alto had offered the Club the use of a box in safe deposit box for the care of books and papers.

Treasurer reported \$2463.14 in fund and \$82.75 in checking acc't.

President reported that Mrs. Suires was unable to have the party at her house on the 5th Wed. as planned. Mrs. Scofield then offered her home and the offer was accepted

Mrs. Corbert moved that the matter of delegates be left in the hands of the pres. second by Mrs. Karns carried.

A note was read from Mrs. Newcomer thanking the club for its words of sympathy to her in her time of trouble.

The names of Mrs. Steinmetz, Mrs. Zickendrath & Mrs. Pryor were added to Club roll call.

A vocal solo by Miss Ramsey was greatly enjoyed by the club. Mrs. Thompson chairman of the afternoon introduced Mrs. Sanborn, President of the Woman's Board of the Panama Pacific Exposition Mrs. Shipman also of that work These women told of the great work the women of the state had before them now and during the exposition and of the greater work where the fair was _____. They were given a rising vote of thanks.

Tea was served by the social com. Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect.

Oct - 29

A fifth Wed in the month was used by the club in giving a serving party at the home of Mrs. Scofield. A program was given by the following talk by Mrs. DeForest on Constantinople.

Miss Marie DeForest, a vocal solo accompanied [sp] by Miss El----[?] Morris.

Miss Donaldson violin accompanied [sp] by Mrs. Donaldson piano

Mrs. Pixley of San Jose vocal accompanied [sp] by Mrs. Pryor.

Refreshments served by com.

Nov-3 - '13

The ex-board met with Mrs. Dingley Nov 3-1913. Members present Mrs. Dingley - Mrs. George Mrs Swearingen Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Slocum Mrs. Morrison Mrs. Meekins, Mrs. Preisker. Min of last board meeting read and approved-the following bills were allowed refreshments at serving party \$ 1.70 Taxes ? hall rent \$3.00 rest room \$2.00. A letter was read from Mrs. G--don [sp] thanking the club for the magazines- The board made the following recommendation to the club - That a special meeting of the Club be called on Monday Nov 10 in Masonic Hall at 3 P.M. to consider the resolution presented at the meeting held Monday night Oct 27th by the heads of the Women's organizations of Palo Alto, at which the advisability of having a woman police officer in Palo Alto was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect

Nov 5 - '13

At the regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman' Club held in Masonic Hall Nov 5 the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Dingley, at 2:30 P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The recommendations of the board were read and it was moved by Mrs. Rosebrooke sec. by Mrs. Geo Parkinson that it be adopted Carried Reports of the convention were read by Mrs. Preisker and Mrs. Woodards.

A paper headed "Civic Betterment" by Mrs. Woodbridge was read by sec.

A rising vote of appreciation was tendered Mrs. Karns who was elected first alternate to National Convention in Chicago next summer and who has also been made chairman for this district for the the Woman's work in the Exposition.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Meekins for vases given to the club and for the beautiful decorations. Mrs. Lakin requested an open meeting for Nov 19- Mrs. Karns moved & Mrs. Adams sec. a motion that Nov. 19 be made an open meeting carried Mrs. Lakin moved that a vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Scofield for opening of her home to the club - carried

Mrs Lautterstein was chairman of the day and the following delightful program was given -

Pina [piano sp] solos - Mrs. Ross

One act sketch "Fast Frieds" [Friends-sp]

Music by Stanford Mandolin Club

Readings by Mrs. --ay [?] Selby McCrome

Vocal Solos by Miss Isabelle Werden

Tea was served by Mrs. LaPiere & her committee.

Meeting adjourned,

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

Nov 10 - '13

A called meeting of the Club was held Monday Nov. 10 - to discuss the matter of having a woman police officer.

This meeting was held as a result of a called meeting of the heads of all the women's organizations in Palo Alto on Oct 27 to discuss such a need

At that meeting the following resolution was passed - Whereas it is the sense of this meeting that it is advisable that a police woman be appointed - Resolved that it be referred [sp] to the different com for consideration - Mrs. E. G. Greene moved that the resolution presented at that meeting be indorsed [sp] Mrs. Morrison seconded the motion and it was carried by rising vote

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect

Nov 19 - 1913

The regular meeting of the Club was held in Masonic Hall Nov. 19-1913 at 2:30 P.M. Mrs. Dingley in the chair. The minutes of last regular meeting also of the special meeting were read & approved.

Resolution for and against the matter of Hetch Hetchy water San Francisco were read and after discussion of the subject, Mrs. E.G. Greene moved and Mrs. Corbert seconded a motion . That the club endorse Hetch Hetchy proposition for San Francisco.

A petition to the board of supervisors petitioning the board to call a special election to decide on the issuing of bonds for the improvement of county roads. Mrs. Lakin moved & Mrs. Corbert seconded motion that the petitioning be indorsed [sp] - carried

Further business was postponed until after the program of the afternoon. A violin solo was played by Mrs. Clark and a vocal solo by Mrs. Rogers - both women were accompanied by Mrs. Dingley. Mrs. Lakin-chairman-introduced Prof. Doane who gave an illustrated talk on Samoa. Mr. Warner assisted Prof. Doane with the slides and both gentlemen were given a rising vote of thanks for this entertainment.

The business was again taken up & the pres. presented a proposition from Mrs. Edna Evans who represents the Home Industry League of California who wishes to give a demonstration in Palo Alto. Matter was referred [sp] to pres. to secure further information.

A proposition from a musical trio was read who wished to come to Palo Alto in Febr. Mrs. Lakin moved that it be refused.

Mr. Hurd of the Ellisow-White Chautauqua system explained a plan of giving a six day Chautauqua course in Palo Alto about June 20, 1914. Mr. Hurd proposed to the Club that they undertake to sell the six hundred tickets - explaining that they were not to be bound in any way, but to make the effort & thus assist the Chamber of Commerce.

[following in pencil - For this the club was to rec. \$100] Mrs. Lakin moved & Mrs. Karns sec. a motion - The Club take up the project & assist the Chamber of Commerce - carried

Meeting adjourned.

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

Dec 1 - '13

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The ex-board met with Mrs. Dingley Dec 1 - 1913 Present, Mrs. Dingley, George, Swearingen, Morrison, Thompson, Meekins, Slocum Wilson. Minutes of the last board meeting were read and approved.

The following bills were allowed \$1.40 freight our Magazines sent to Vancouver B.C. \$1.00 to car fare of Mrs. McCrone (reader). .50 for cleaning room for food sale \$1.95 for refreshments - to treas for stationary \$1.00 rent 4.50 restroom per capita tax \$11.90

Mrs. Roller moved Mrs. Geo sec motion that board recommend to club that Mrs. Evans give food demonstration four days in January.

Mrs. George moved Mrs. Roller sec that board recommend that Dec 17 be an open day. President appointed Mrs. Corbert & Mrs. Slocum to draw up resolution of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Campbell

Mrs. Morrison moved, Mrs Swearingen sec that the board recommend to the club that a letter of appreciation and \$5.00 be sent Mr. Du--[?] as Christmas gift.

The president appointed the following women to act as a Benovelent [sp] Committee Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Swearingen and Mrs. Meekins.

Mrs. Wilson moved Mrs. Morrison sec. that board recommend to the club that the club adopt a plan of having a benovelent [sp] fund and keep a box for voluntary contributions on the treasurer's table.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen

Resolution of Sympathy at the Death of Mary G. Campbell

We, the committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions to the memory of Mary G. Campbell, founder and first president of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, who departed this life November 19, 1913 in Eugene, Oregon, respectfully report the following resolution and move that this club accept the same.

That in the death of Mary G. Campbell the Club has lost a faithful friend who was loved and respected by all who knew her and were benefited by the force of her character; be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the club.

Ella LeCount Slocum

Caroline B. Morrison

Com. of Board of Directors of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Dec. 3 - 1913

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order by the President at half past two December 3, 1913 in Masonic Hall. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. The recommendations of the board were read and accepted. Resolutions to the memory of Mrs. Mary G. Campbell were read and accepted.

Mrs. M. O. Adams, chairman introduced Mrs. Camp who entertained with two delightful violin solos.

Also Mrs. Robt. Reynolds who sang for the club.

The speaker for the afternoon, Mrs. Amy Bowen Hittel [sp] was introduced and gave an interesting and instructive talk on the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

This was followed by a Parliamentary drill.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite Knight Swearingen, Sect.

Dec 17 - '13

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order by the pres. Mrs. Dingley at half past two Dec 17 -1913 held in Masonic Hall. The minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.

A letter was read from the Semperviren's Club asking for \$2.00 to be used in securing the Criell [sp] lands for the proposed highway into the Big Basin. Mrs. George moved that the club pay the \$2.00 as requested - sec by Mrs. Preisker and carried.

Mrs. Karns the chairman for the afternoon introduced Hon. Charles Westley Reed - chairman Service Commission who spoke on the work being done by the com. Miss Tonks [sp] sang "Glory to Heaven's Eternal King."

Christmas seals (Red X) were sold at the door. Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

Jan 5 - '14

The ex-board met with Mrs. Dingley Jan - 5-1914 Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Benevolent com reported on their work.

The following bills were allowed Printing \$3.95 Rest room \$2.00 rent \$3.00

Those present Mrs. Dingley Swearingen, Morrison, Wilson, Thompson, Meekins, Roller, Preisker.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen, Sect.

Jan 7 - '14

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order by its president Mrs. Dingley at half past two Jan 7 - 1914 in Masonic Hall. Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

The Recommendation from the board concerning the Benevolent fund was read. Upon motion made by Mrs. Scofield and seconded by Miss Maud Wilson the recommendation was indorsed [sp] Mrs. Priesker announced a card party for Jan. 17 at Mrs. Swabeys. Mrs Karns moved Mrs. Woodward sec that candy be sold between intermission during Club play.

President called attention to the registration of voters.

Mrs. Parks moved and Mrs. Varian sec motion that Club join the National Child Labour Committee and pay \$2.00 initiation dues. After discussion Mrs. Park recommended that vote be taken two weeks from date - motion was seconded by Mrs. Lakin and carried

A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Dunlap for the Christmas gift received. [sp]

Miss Barnheisel announced a class in Basketry to be held in the near future.

The program was given over to Miss Maud J. Wilson who gave the club a delightful and instructive talk on The Relation of Art to Economic Conditions.

Miss Wilson was given a rising vote of thanks. Meeting adjourned

M. K. Swearingen Sect.

Jan 21 - '14

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order Jan 21 - 1914 at half past two by Mrs. Dingley the pres. Reports of the sect. & treas were read and approved.

President reported satisfactory results from cooking demonstration and from card party. A letter was read from the Young Woman's Club of San Jose inviting the club to the meeting of the County Alliance to be held in their club rooms in San Jose Sat. Jan 24. President announced that a mite box had been placed on the treasurers table in which it was hoped contributions would be placed to help the work of the Benevolent [sp] Com.

Mrs. Follmer was named as chairman of the Com. for furnishing and selling candy at the Club play.

Mrs. Parks moved that Club join for one year National Child Labour Committee and pay \$2.00 fee. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Varian & carried.

Mrs. Karns talked on the work of Cal. women for the Exposition

Mrs. Morrison read ammendment [sp] to Article IV Section I which now reads Members shall pay an initiation fee of one dollar on admission to the club. The annual dues of this club

shall be two dollars payable the first quarter. The ammedment [sp] to read -- One dollar of the dues shall be remitted to any new member joining after March first of any year.

Dr. Anna E. Peck talked to the club of her impressions of Egypt and showed very interesting views of the country. Dr. Peck was given a rising vote of thanks for her delightful talk.

The Com. served tea and cakes and a social hour was enjoyed.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect.

Feb.2 '14

Ex board met with Mrs. Dingley the president Feb 2 1914 at half past two. Those present Mrs. Dingley, George, Swearingen, Wilson Morrison Slocum Preisker Thompson and Meekins. Minutes of last board meeting read & approved. The following bills were allowed- Peninsula Coffee Co. \$3.00 Hosabui [?] Wood Yard \$2.00 Rent \$3.00 Bixby & Lily \$1.45 Stamps \$2.00 Printing \$2.50 Rest room \$2.00 Wilsons .30 Meeting adjourned

M.K. Swearingen, Sect

Feb. 4 - '14

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order by the president Mrs. Dingley - Wed. Feb 4 - 1914 at half past two in Masonic Hall. Reports were read by sect & treas and accepted.

A letter was read from Mrs. Denniston calling attention to the Sarah Platt Decker Memorial Endowment Fund and the twenty-five cents per capita owing from the club for this fund. As Mrs. Karns had paid this amount more than a year ago and given it for the club - the corresponding sect - was instructed to write to Mrs. Denniston and explain the matter.

The proposed ammendment [sp] regarding dues was read & Mrs. Morrison moved and Mrs. Preisker sec. motion that ammendment [sp] be laid over until next meeting.

Mrs. Lakin was chairman of program

Mrs. Miller of Burlingame gave an interesting paper on her experience as a juror.

Miss Scott of San Francisco talked on her work in the Travelers Aid. Both speakers were much appreciated and were given a rising vote of thanks by the club Meeting adjourned -

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect.

Feb. 18 - 1914

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was called to order Feb 18 - 1914 at half past two in Masonic Hall - Mrs. Dingley the president in the chair. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted.

A letter was read from the Palo Alto Historical Association inviting -----[?] to its next monthly meeting on Feb. 20. A letter also was read from the Home Industry League urging the club women to buy home products.

The proposed ammendment [sp] regarding the refund of one dollar of dues to members joining after March 1 was proposed & Mrs. Greene moved that it be adopted- Mrs. Scofield sec the motion - question was put to club and lost.

Mrs. Dingley at the request of Mr. Kelly brought up the matter of Go to Church Sunday. Mrs. Rosebrooke moved and Mrs. Preisker seconded motion That the woman's Club endorse the Go to Church Sunday movement. carried. Mrs. Greene presented to the club a proposed ordinance to create a Public Welfare Committee. Mrs. Greene moved Mrs. Thompson sec. motion, that the Woman's Club of Palo Alto endorse the proposed ordinance. Motion carried.

The Civic League announced a meeting on the second Thursday in March for the study of the Red Light Abatement Act.

The program was in the hands of Mrs. Alice Parks who talked to the club about her recent trip to Holland and her visit in Holland itself. The talk was greatly enjoyed by the women of the club and a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Parks.

Tea was served by the Com.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen

Mch 2 - '14

The ex - board met with Mrs. Swearingen Monday Mch 2 - 1914. Those present Mrs. Dingley - Swearingen, Wilson Morrison Meekins, Roller, Thompson and Slocum. Minutes of last board meeting read and accepted.

Letters were read from the State Chairman of Philanthropy, and of Home Economics asking for information regarding the years work

Also a letter from state Chairman of Civics requesting that the Club observe "clean up week."

Mrs. Denniston wrote to the board regarding the dues in assesment [sp] on the Sarah Platt Decker Memorial stating that the \$25.00 paid by Mrs. Karns was credited to club but that did not pay the full assesment [sp]. Mrs. Swearingen moved and Mrs. Roller sec motion, that club pay the remaining five dollars due on said assement [sp] - carried. The corresponding sect was instructed to write letters of appreciation for their work in making "The Complicated Affair" a success - to Mrs. Lautterstein and to Mrs Chas. Anthony. Also a letter of condolence to Mrs. Braunschuriger [sp]. Following bills were allowed Rent to Ramona Hall for food dem. \$4.50 rent \$3.00 rest room \$2.00. Meeting adjourned M.K. Swearingen Sect.

Mch 4 - '14

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order at half past two Mch 4 - 14 by Mrs. Dingley the president in Masonic Hall. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. LaPiere moved that the club extend a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Lautterstein for her work in the play given for the club at the Varsity Feb. 19 Mrs. Preisker sec. the motion and it was carried.

Letters were read from District Chairman of Civics department asking that the club observe "Clean Up Week" Mch 2 to 7.

A letter from the Men's Club of the Congregational church inviting the women of the club to be present Mch 16 to hear Assemblyman Bonnett discuss the measures to come before the voters next fall. A letter of invitation to a meeting of committee of the Department of Waters to be held at the St. Francis Mch 26.

The treasurer reported \$178.45 net gain for the Woman's Club play.

Mrs. Lakin moved that the club have a reduction of .25 on tickets sold to children under twelve years of age for the Helen Keller lecture. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bodley question put to the club and motion lost.

The president presented the matter of the club aiding the Times in their cooking contest March 14. The Times requested that the club women act as hostesses. A motion was made by Mrs. Preisker and sec. by Mrs. Karns That the club accept the Times proposition.

Mrs. Karns moved that judges for the contest be appointed by Mrs. Dingley - one from the club - one from the W.C.T.U. and one from Civic League. Mrs. Lakin sec the motion -carried.

Mrs. Louise Culver who was chairman of the afternoon introduced Miss McKee of the High School who gave an instructive talk Craftsman work & the making of jewelry. Miss McKee was given a rising vote of thanks.

Another pleasing feature of the afternoon was display of miniatures by Mrs. Lyon whose skill as an artist was shown by her paintings.

Tea was served by Mrs. LaPiere & com. and a social hour enjoyed when the

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect

Mch 18 - '14

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order by the president Mrs. Dingley Mch 18 - 1914 at half past two in Masonic Hall. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

President reported \$18.00 result of sale of foods sold at Times cooking contest which was given the club by the Times

Matter of delegates to the state convention was discussed and the matter was laid over until the next meeting

A letter was read from Helen Keller stating that it would be impossible for her to meet the teachers of the Palo Alto schools on Sat as the tax on her strength would unfit her for Saturday evening.

Mrs. Greene chairman of the afternoon introduced Prof-[sp] Guido Marks who spoke on Vocational Training for Women. The talk was greatly appreciated by the club & Prof. Marks was given a rising vote of thanks.

Tea was served by the committee & a social half hour enjoyed - Meeting adjourned
Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect.

Mch 30 - '14

The Ex- board met with Mrs. Dingley the president March 30 - 1914 Those present - Mrs. Dingley - Mrs. Swearingen, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Slocum and Mrs. Thompson. Minutes of last board meeting were read and approved.

A report from Helen Keller showed a net profit of \$215.00.

Mrs. Roller moved Mrs. Slocum sec. motion that club lot be cleaned. Mrs. Thompson be appointed to care for the matter - carried.

Mrs. Thompson moved Mrs. Roller sec. that in order to close the financial accounts of the club for the year the board recommend to the club that the subscription list be closed and the paper turned to treasurer - carried

It was moved & sec that Mrs. Parks have open day April 1 carried

Following bills were allowed

Rent \$3.00 Rest room \$2.00 Refreshment com. \$2.00.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect.

April 1 - '14

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was called to order at half past two April -1-1914 in Masonic Hall by the vice-president Mrs. E.E. George. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Recommendation of the board was read - concerning the disposition of the subscription list. Mrs. Morrison moved that action be deferred until the next meeting of the club. Mrs. Preisker seconded the motion and it was carried.

The matter of electing nominating committee was brought before the meeting & Mrs. Preisker moved and Woodard sec motion that the committee be appointed from the floor. The following women were appointed - Mrs. Lakin chairman Mrs. Karns - Mrs. Rosebrooke Mrs. King & Mrs. Weishaar.

Delegates to the state convention at Riverside were named - Mrs. Swearingen & Mrs. Culver delegates and Mrs. Meekins & Mrs. Roller alternates.

Mrs. Parks moved that the Club appropriate annually \$50.00 for the president's expenses to the state and district conventions. Motion was sec. by Mrs. Scofield and carried.

Mrs Park then spoke to the Club of her trip through the British Isles, a talk that was greatly enjoyed by the club.

Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect.

Apr 15 - '14

The regular meeting of the Palo Alto Woman's Club was called to order at half past two Wed. April 15 1914 in Masonic Hall Mrs. Dingley the president in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Mrs. M.A. Buchan gave a final report of her work on the subscription list and asked to be released from further work on the paper. Mrs. Karns moved that Mrs. Buchans resignation be accepted and a vote of thanks tendered to Mrs. Buchan for her efficient work - Motion was seconded by Mrs. Roller who asked that it might be a rising vote. Motion carried and rising vote given.

An invitation was read from the Mt. View Woman's Club inviting this club to a meeting of the County Alliance on Sat. April 25 1914.

A communication was read from the Riverside Daily Press asking the Club members to subscribe for their paper during the time the state convention would be in session.

The report of the nominating com. was received [sp] by the sect. and was as follows

April 10 - 1914

To the Palo Alto Woman's Club

We, the undersigned, as Nominating Committee, respectfully submit the following names for Offices and Directors of the Club for the ensuing year.

President	Mrs. Charlotte G Dingley
Vice President	Mrs. E. E. George
Rec. Secy	Mrs. F. C. Swearingen
Treasurer	Mrs. Ernest Wilson
Directors	Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Preisker, Mrs. LaPier, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Gardner
	Signed Mary A. Lakin chairman
	Mrs. E. King
	Mrs. Rosebrooke
	Minnie E. Weishaar
	Mrs. Karns

Mrs. Morrison moved that the the report be received and com. discharged - Mrs. Roller sec. motion - carried.

Mrs. Parks introduced Mrs. C.E. Cumberson of Redwood City who is Dist. chairman of Peace. Mrs. Cumberson spoke to the club on the subject of Universal Peace and told of many good reasons why Peace is better than war. At the close of her talk club sang the Peace hymn to the tune of America upon motion made by Mrs. Lakin. Mrs. Cumberson was given a rising vote of thanks.

The matter of cutting down the trees in the street was brought before the club by Mrs. Dingley. Mrs. Lakin moved that we as a club protest against the removing of the tree outside of our club lot - Mrs. Buchan sec. motion. Mrs. Lakin then amended motion to say "action to be taken in two weeks. Amendment was was accepted by second and carried.

Mrs. Parks moved that the president and one other member investigate the trees around the club lot and report. Mrs. Buchan sec. motion carried.

Tea was served by Mrs. LaPiere and her committee. Meeting adjourned

Marguerite K. Swearingen Sect.

Annual Report of Sect. year 1913-1914

The club year opened with a reception to its members and friends Sept 3 - 1913, in the Blue room of Masonic Temple. The officers and directors in the recieving [sp] line greeted more than three hundred women whose exclamations of pleasure must have amply repaid the committees in charge and told it own story of the success of the afternoon.

The regular meetings of the club have been held every first and third Wednesday with programs as follows

Sept 17 - 1913----	Pioneer Day -----	Mrs. Corbert
Oct 1 - 1913----	General Discussion of Years Work	
Oct 15 - 1913----	Woman's Work during P. P. E.----	Mrs. Sanborn/ Miss Simpson
Nov 5 - 1913----	Music & Dramatics -----	Mrs. Lautterstein
Nov 19 - 1913----	Illustrated lecture on Samoa -----	Prof. R. W. Doane

Dec 3 - 1913----	Prevention of Tuberculosis -----	Dr. A. B. Hittel
Dec 17 - 1913----	State Civil Service Com. -----	Hon. Chas. Whetley Reed
Jan 7 - 1914----	Relation of Art to Economic Conditions--	M. J. Wilson
Jan 20 - 1914----	Egypt -----	Dr. Anna E. Peck
Feb 4 - 1914----	My work as a Grand Juror-----	Mrs. Miller
	Travelers Aid -----	Miss Scott
Feb 18 - 1914----	Holland -----	Mrs. Alice Park
Mch 4 - 1914----	Craftsman work & Making Jewelry --	Miss McKee
	Exhibit of Miniatures -----	Mrs. Scott
Mch 18 - 1914----	Vocational Training of Women---	Prof. G Marks
Apr 1 - 1914----	British Isles -----	Mrs. Park
Apr 15 - 1914----	Work and History of Peace Com.--	Mrs. Cumberson

Two very successful parties have been given during the year and the club acknowledges it indebtedness to Mrs. Scofield and Mrs. Swabey who opened their homes to its members on these occasions. [sp]

Two food sales have been held which netted pleasing sums for the treasury.

In January the club secured the services of Mrs. Edna Evans of San Francisco who gave a four days cooking demonstration which ended with a lunch served to the women present for a small sum and the proceeds were given to the club for their fund.

In Feb. under the direction of our talented club woman, Mrs. L. R. Lautterstein, a farce was staged at the Varsity Theater which was a most tremendous success from every stand point.

In March through the efforts of the club Helen Keller and her Teacher Mrs. Macey gave their lectures to a packed house at the Armory and the Club House Fund was given a decided aid.

A concert was given in the fall by Mr. Flint under the auspices of the club was much enjoyed by those who attended.

The following have received [sp] the endorsement of the club during the past year --
Red Light Law - Proposed Hetch Hetchy Movement, which has since passed the legislature -
Go to Church Sunday - Proposed Welfare Committee for Palo Alto Endorsement of
National Child Labour Committee was shown by joining the said Com. -Also sanction of
and interest in the great movement for international Peace by appointment of peace com.

Early in the year the need of some action on the part of the club to aid the needy became apparent. The president appointed a benevolent com who saw to it that Christmas was made brighter for a number of families in town. Assistance has been given regularly [sp] to the rest room.

A loss has come to the club that has been keenly felt especially by pioneer members--the passing from this life of the beloved Mary G. Campbell founder & first pres. of the Palo Alto Woman's Club. "By their needs ye shall know them" "And all her ways were good"

A special honour has also come to the club in the election of Mrs. Emily S. Karns as first alternate to the National Convention of Woman's Clubs to be held in Chicago this year and secondly the appointment of Mrs. Karns as Dist. chairman of Woman's Work at P.P.S.

A cup and saucer shower was held on Pioneer Day which has made possible the work of Mrs. LaPiere and her committee. Mrs. Lucy, Mrs. Arthur Roller and Mrs. Hapgood. To this chairman and each member of her com. - praise and thanks from the club are due as the promoters of the greatest sociability the club has known.

Another member to whom especial thanks is due is Mrs. Meekins who has had charge of the decorations. Her beautiful flowers and greens have been a constant source of pleasure at every meeting during the year.

The year has been a success thanks to the work and the graciousness of our president Mrs. Dingley and by the hearty co-operation of every member on the roll-call - to which fourteen new names have been added.

Marguerite K. Swearingen - Rec. Sect.

May 5, 1914

The Executive Board met with Mrs. Dingley, the president. Those present, - Mrs. Dingley, Mrs. George, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Meekins, Mrs. Preisker and Mrs. Morrison.

The observance of Founder's Day was discussed, whether to hold a luncheon, a picnic as suggested by Mrs. George, or an afternoon program. It was decided to bring the matter up in the club for discussion at the next club meeting.

The Board unanimously voted that the following resolution be passed by the club:

Resolved, that the Woman's Club request the Board of Safety to provide travellers aid matrons at the S. P. Depot at Palo Alto during the Exposition Year. This to be in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce.

The following bills were allowed: Rent 3.00, Rest room 2.00 and Postage & Stationery 1.25

Meeting adjourned

Caroline B. Morrison

Sect. pro tem.

May 6, 1914

The Regular Meeting of the Woman's Club was called to order at 2 P.M. in accordance with the rule for the Annual Meeting. Mrs. Dingley, the president, presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Morrison was asked to act as Secretary in the absence of Mrs. Swearingen.

The report of the treasurer was given and approved.

A recommendation from the Board was read that the following resolution be passed by the club. (working in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce): -

Resolved that the Woman's Club request the Board of Safety to provide Travelers Aid Matrons at the Southern Pacific Depot at Palo Alto during the Exposition Year. Mrs. Park moved, Mrs. Thompson seconded that the resolution presented by the Board be adopted.

Mrs. Buchan amended, Mrs. Stuart seconded that it be laid on the table for two weeks; Amendment accepted and carried.

The Celebration of Founders Day was discussed, Mrs Dingley stating the Mrs. George had invited the club to picnic at her place in Los Altos, and that she would furnish coffee. Mrs. Buchan moved, Mrs. Woodward seconded, that we observe Founder's Day with a picnic on May 20th at Mrs. George's home in Los Altos, - carried.

A communication was read from Mr. F. D. Williams of the Woodmen of the World asking the ladies of the club to assist in selling tickets for a concert to be held at the tabernacle for the benefit of the Maude Booth Home. Mrs. King moved Mrs. Wycoff seconded - that the club indorse [sp] the movement and as many ladies as can sell tickets - carried.

Mrs. Park moved, Mrs. Varian seconded - that the president appoint a committee to draft a resolution against War, to be reported to the club after the election of officers.

Annual Meeting & Election

Reports were given by Mrs. Dingley the president, and Mrs. Swearingen the Secretary (read by Mrs. Morrison) which were accepted and filed. The report of Mrs. Wilson the treasurer was read and referred to the auditor. Also a report from Mrs. Thompson chairman of Civics was accepted & filed.

A[t] three o'clock the list of those eligible to vote was read by the treasurer. 110 names were read of which 30 responded present.

The list of nominations presented by the nominating committee was read by the secretary and as there were no nominations from the floor Mrs. George moved, Mrs. King seconded that the secretary cast the ballot for the following

President ----- Mrs. Dingley
Vice President----- Mrs. George
Secretary----- Mrs. Swearingen
Treasurer----- Mrs. Wilson

Board --- Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Preisker, Mrs. La Piere, Mrs. Stuart,
Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Gardner.

The motion was carried and the secretary cast the ballot. for the above named ladies who were declared elected for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Dingley then spoke most interestingly of the business part of the State Federation Convention just held at riverside.

At the conclusion of the convention report, Mrs. Park - as the committee to draft a resolution against war presented the following -

Resolved, by the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, Cal., - That we protest against the present invasion of Mexico, and against all the sacrifice of Americans and Mexicans that has already been made;

That we protest against further war in Mexico, and that we appeal to the president and congress to withdraw all armed forces from Mexico

That we declare our firm belief in international arbitration, whether the offenses or questions are technical or are extremely serious; and further be it

Resolved, That we declare international war to be now absolutely avoidable and unnecessary between civilized nations, because of the existence and universal availability of the Hague tribunal.

This resolution was adopted.

Meeting adjourned

Caroline B. Morrison Sec. pro. tem.

May 20, 1914

Founder's Day was celebrated with a picnic at Mrs. George's home in Los Altos, where many of the club ladies enjoyed the time to the utmost and all joined in expressing their appreciation of Mrs. George's kind hospitality.

After lunch the club was called to order by Mrs. Dingley for a short business meeting.

The committee on the trees around the club lot reported that none were far enough from the curb to need removing hence there was no need for action.

The resolution presented at the last meeting, and laid over for two weeks, requesting the Board of Safety to provide travellers aid matrons at the depot during the Exposition was carried, and a committee consisting of the President, Mrs. Templeton and Mrs. Buchan appointed to present the matter to the Board of Safety.

The sale of Chautauqua tickets for June 16-21 was discussed. The committee consisted of Mrs. Dingley, Mrs. Lakin, Mrs. Buchan, Mrs. Slocum, Mrs. Preisker, and Mrs. Gardner.

The report of the Auditor, Mrs. Jordan was read. Books from Sept to May 14 had been examined and found to be well kept and correct

Current account	93.95	Bank of Palo Alto
Current house fund	1493.31	First Nat. Bank
	<u>1617.95</u>	Bank of Palo Alto
Total	3111.26	

which corresponds with books of the Banks.

Mrs. Lakin moved the report be accepted and placed on file. Mrs. Karns seconded - carried.

Mrs. Karns moved that the club indorse a woman candidate for county superintendent of schools - Mrs. Coburn seconded.

Mrs. George moved & Mrs. Schofield seconded that the motion be amended to read that the club indorse [sp] Miss Howe as county superintendent of schools - carried. The original motion as amended was then put and carried.

The afternoon was then concluded with a most interesting talk by Mrs. E. G. Greene on the social side of the convention.

Adjourned

Caroline B. Morrison

Sect. pro - tem

May 29

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The Executive Board met with Mrs. Dingley. Present besides the president, Mrs. Preisker, Gardner, Wilson, Slocum and Morrison.

The following bills were allowed Panama Pacific Stock 4.00, Rent 1.50, Rest room 2.00, flowers 2.50 total 10.00.

The following were appointed by the Board for the ensuing year. Mrs. C.T. Morrison, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jordan, auditor; Mrs. Corbert, custodian.

Departments

Literature	Mrs Buchan
Education	Mrs Anna Park
Civics	
Dramatics	Mrs Lautterstein
Philanthropy	Mrs Thompson
Legislation	Mrs Greene
Home Economics	Mrs Weishaar
Art	Miss Wilson
	(Mrs Lyons)

Committees

Social	Mrs Lucy
Decoration	Mrs Meekins
Reception	Mrs King
Music	Mrs Roller

Adjourned

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Other names/site number: NA

Name of related multiple property listing:

NA

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 475 Homer Avenue

City or town: Palo Alto State: CA County: Santa Clara

Not For Publication: ☐ Vicinity: ☐

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide x local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

x A B x C D

State Historic Preservation Officer

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

California Office of Historic Preservation

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

State or Federal agency/bureau
or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register
☐ determined eligible for the National Register
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register
☐ removed from the National Register
☐ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private:

☒

Public – Local

☐

Public – State

☐

Public – Federal

☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

Building(s)

☒

District

☐

Site

☐

Structure

☐

Object

☐

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social meeting hall
Civic meeting hall
Clubhouse

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social meeting hall
Civic meeting hall
Clubhouse

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19th and 20th Century Revival:

Tudor Revival

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements:

Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Foundation: poured concrete

Walls: wood, stucco

Roof: composite shingle

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto is a one-story meeting hall located at the intersection of Homer Avenue and Cowper Street within two blocks of the city center. The design of the building combines elements of Tudor Revival and Craftsman. The exterior of the main facade is stucco above a water table at the height of the sills of larger windows. Below this is a band of wood clapboarding that runs around the entire building. Decorative half-timbering, details of the main entry portico, and doorways and windows are wood. Large oak trees surround the building. Since its construction in 1916 it has been in continual use as a women's club for social and civic meetings. The Woman's Club of Palo Alto was founded in 1894. In 1906 the membership raised \$1,500 to buy the lot on Homer Avenue, but it took 10 more years to raise the \$10,590 for construction. Charles Edward Hodges, noted architect of the day and Resident Architect of Stanford University from 1900 to 1906, designed the building.

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Narrative Description

Exterior

The main entrance of the building faces southeast onto Homer Avenue. The major massing of the building is made up of a rectangular, front-gabled main hall along the southwest side of the lot and a lower, hip-roofed section extending to the northeast. Exposed rafter tails project from underneath the hipped portion of the roof and entry portico. Both roof sections and portico are of moderate pitch. With its corner-lot location, the effect of this design is to keep to the residential scale and character of the neighborhood while accommodating an assembly hall. The water table and horizontal clapboarding de-emphasize the height of the building and tie together the different elements. The gable end of the main hall and an entry portico dominate the Homer Avenue elevation of the building. The gable end of the hall projects slightly from the rest of the building, with a single, large bay of seven mullioned windows extending almost its full width. The entry portico to the right of this projects even further forward and has the appearance of a porte-cochere. Seen obliquely by an arriving pedestrian or vehicle, the portico marks the entrance and offsets the mass of the main hall, welcoming guests into a doorway recessed into the hip roofed portion of the building. A bay of mullioned windows at the right of the entry completes the composition of the Homer Street façade. (Benjamin Pinney, M. Arch., 2014)

From Cowper Street, the northeast façade of the Club has a more modest, residential feel. A slightly projecting bay with two windows and a chimney helps turn the corner from Homer Street and breaks up the long side of the hip-roofed section of the building. This also expresses the smaller, living-room scale gathering space inside. Continuing to the northwest, four pairs of smaller, double-hung windows further bring down the scale of the building to fit with neighboring homes. (Benjamin Pinney, M. Arch., 2014)

The northwest facade of the building is utilitarian. The rear-most walls are shingled rather than stucco above the water table. There is a back entryway into the kitchen. (Benjamin Pinney, M. Arch., 2014)

Large single and paired windows, similar to those on the front of the building that provide light into the main assembly hall, dominate the southwest façade of the building. (Benjamin Pinney, M. Arch., 2014)

Interior

The interior of the building includes a foyer, a ballroom for lunches, programs and events, a dressing room, a kitchen, the Fireside Room, men and women's restrooms and a small room for Board and committee meetings. The interior floors are original maple tongue and groove in the ballroom with original fir and oak flooring in the boardroom and elsewhere. The interior walls in the ballroom, and Fireside Rooms are original also with fir board and batten wainscot and plaster walls and ceiling.

The stage floor is oak. The stage has an advertising fire curtain installed in 1926 by an advertising agency that paid the Woman's Club \$500 to hang the curtain. Local businesses were

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charged to advertise on the curtain. It is an historical artifact of local businesses in the early 20th century and the only one existing in Palo Alto. It is still in use today.

The fireplaces are original and examples of the Arts and Crafts style. The fireplace in the Fireside Room is made of salt glazed tiles manufactured by the Steiger Terra Cotta and Pottery Company of San Francisco. The company only made these salt glazed tiles from 1910 to 1915.

Alterations

Exterior

The original building is essentially unaltered from its 1916 design and function. One of the original mullioned windows on the northeast façade was removed in the 1957 bathroom remodel and replaced by a modern single pane window. In the 2009 bathroom remodel, the Club took great care to follow the original design and replaced the 1957 window with a replica of the architect's original design. Palo Alto Stanford Heritage (PAST) presented the Woman's Club with a PAST Preservation Award for this restoration of the window and the bathroom in 2010. The sign on the southeast façade donated by Miss Dixon in 1931, is made of carved wood compatible with the building's craftsman design elements. While the legal name of the organization is the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, the sign reads Women's of Club Palo Alto. The Club has decided to live with the ambiguity.

Interior

The kitchen was remodeled to accommodate modern appliances in 1961. The restrooms were updated twice, once in 1957 and again in 2009. The Board meeting room was remodeled to include housing for the Club's archives in 1999 and a small bride's room was redecorated for wedding rentals that same year.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social History

Architecture

Period of Significance

1916 to 1964

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Significant Dates

1916 completion of the club building

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Hodges, Charles Edward, Architect

Fox, Frank W., Contractor/Builder

Criterion A: Women's Club Movement, Women's History and Social History

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria consideration.)

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto is eligible for the National Register of Historic Resources under Criteria A and C because the Club has been associated with a pattern of events that made significant contributions to the development of Palo Alto, California and the nation. Locally, the Clubhouse was the center of civic, cultural and philanthropic activity in Palo Alto. The Clubhouse is significant locally as part of the broad pattern of the Women's Club Movement whose goal was to encourage women's full participation, both in their communities and in the nation, on issues such as legislation, education, conservation, public health, libraries, woman's suffrage, philanthropy and political reform. The period of significance is from 1916 to 1964, from the building's original construction until a marked decline in membership and activity in the early 1960s.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Criterion A: Social History

Charles Dickens never knew that he was the impetus behind the creation of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). In 1868, when journalist Jane Cunningham Croly and other women writers were denied admission to a banquet honoring Dickens at the all male New York Press Club, they reacted by forming an exclusively female club. Named *Sorosis*, it met for 21 years before it joined with other women's group across the nation to form the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Their goal: to allow women of diverse interests to gather outside the home for self-education, personal development and community involvement. The Woman's

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Club of Palo Alto joined the GFWC in 1898 and the California Federation of Women's Clubs (CFWC) in 1900.

Twenty-four women founded the Woman's Club of Palo Alto on June 20, 1894. The Club's first president, Dr. Mary Grafton Campbell encouraged members such as Julia Gilbert to found the City's first Library in 1896 and Anna Zschokke to earn the sobriquet "Mother of Palo Alto Schools" by engineering the 1893 establishment of a separate Palo Alto school district. Zschokke also built the first high school buildings in 1897. Whether lobbying for a sewer system, planting the City's first trees or working for California women's suffrage in 1911, these women set the tone for Palo Alto's future.

When the Clubhouse was built in 1916, it became the place where community groups gathered and where civic, philanthropic and social events were held. The dream of building a clubhouse was first mentioned in the minutes of April 1, 1896. Twenty years later that dream was realized. Intensive fundraising efforts included bake sales, the publication of both a *Woman's Club Cookbook*, and a history of *The Santa Clara Valley* and sell-out speakers such as Helen Keller. Increased members' dues and contributions from prominent leaders such as City Attorney Norman Malcolm enabled the Club to open its doors to the community on September 16, 1916. Over 500 Palo Alto residents attended the gala opening reception. *The Palo Alto Times* wrote: "We believe the Woman's Club...is preparing to contribute a great deal to the future of the City."¹ The Building Committee Chairwoman and former Club President, Emily Pardee Karns Dixon agreed that September 16th was "a glorious day."

1916-1929: World War I, Universal Suffrage and Women in Politics

The years 1916 to 1920 set the pattern for Clubhouse use by the community. Proximity to Stanford University, and the fact that Club members were educated and sophisticated women ensured notable speakers and cultural events, which were open to the public. The Clubhouse was also the scene of intense involvement in local and national events. Before and after the United States entered World War I, members supported peace by endorsing American Peace Party petitions, joining the National Women's Peace Party and by supporting Belgian Relief efforts. When former Club President Julia Gilbert was appointed Chairwoman of the Stanford-Palo Alto Belgian Relief Fund by future President Herbert Hoover, she organized Clubwomen and the community to raise \$50,000 for innocent war victims.

Alice Locke Park, club member and internationally known suffragist and pacifist, spoke to an overflow audience about her experiences as a participant on the Henry Ford Peace Ship Expedition and as a founding member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Sweden. Park's espousal of pacifism continued during the war when she formed a local chapter of the American Union Against Militarism, a group that later became the American Civil Liberties Union.

When the United States entered the war in 1917, club member Lydia Mitchell co-founded the Palo Alto Red Cross. Because that group had no headquarters until 1948, the Clubhouse became

¹ Archives of the Palo Alto Historical Association, *Palo Alto Times*, Sept 23, 1916.

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the place where bandages were rolled, clothing sewn and parties held for soldiers and their families. At war's end, former Stanford President David Starr Jordan led a citywide debate at the Club on the merits of the League of Nations. The Club endorsed the League in February 1919. In that same year, club member Clelia Mosher, a physician and one of the first four female professors at Stanford, spoke about her two years as Medical Investigator for Children's Relief and again, in 1922, on her experiences as the Director of the government Bureau of Refugees and Relief.

In addition to open meetings featuring notable speakers, the Clubhouse was made available to nascent community groups such as the PTA, the Girl Scouts, the Palo Alto Civic League and the Business and Professional Women's Club. Former Club President Mary Greene held Home and School meetings, precursors of the PTA, at the Clubhouse. In 1917 she became the President of a unified PTA. Greene's efforts were supported by Cornelia Place, co-founder of a local real estate firm and a School Board Trustee. Place had been nominated for the latter position by the Woman's Club in 1911. By 1918, the Club's position as the center of community life led Mayor Swain to propose that a plate be installed on the sidewalk pointing the way to 475 Homer Avenue.

A year before the 19th amendment granted universal suffrage, Club President Emily Pardee Karns Dixon formed a coalition between the Woman's Club and the Palo Alto Civic League to seek female candidates for the City Council. Together, they nominated Emma Bell Blair and Mary Denison Wilt Thomas, the City's first councilwomen. Blair did not get sufficient votes for election on the first ballot. Emily Karns, who had successfully rallied Palo Alto voters for California women's enfranchisement in 1911, did so again, and Blair won a Council seat on the 2nd ballot. *The Palo Alto Times* commented that "...women were...electioneering and voting and they elected Emma Bell Blair with the highest vote received."²

The Woman's Club had cause to celebrate on November 16, 1920 when a "mortgage burning" was held. Two years later, the GFWC moved into their Washington headquarters and began to play a greater role in coordinating activities at the state and local level. The Club supported Federation and State goals on issues such as peace, prohibition, protection of women and children in industry, physical education, public school improvement, protection of the home and bans on offensive movies.

Local philanthropic efforts continued with fundraising for veteran's associations and for the Save the Redwoods League. A popular speaker at Club events was Lou Henry Hoover, future First Lady and founder of the Girl Scouts in the Western United States. Her enthusiasm about the changing roles of women and girls and the opportunities inherent in scouting prompted Club members to raise funds and provide meeting space to the Palo Alto Scouts, founded in 1922, until their permanent home was built in 1925. Similarly, after prominent humanitarian Josephine Duveneck spoke on child labor laws and, again, on progressive education, the Club members decided to endorse her candidacy for City Council. As the 3rd woman elected to that post, Duveneck helped realize two goals of the Club. For a decade, members had lobbied for a

² Archives of the Palo Alto Historical Association, *Palo Alto Times*, November 5, 1919.

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policewoman and for the dedication of five acres of parkland that had been donated to the City by club member Emily Pardee Karns Dixon. Both goals were realized during Duveneck's four year term.

1929-1940: Depression, Philanthropy and Conservation

By 1930, having learned the value of philanthropic and political involvement, Club members made their building the nexus of community life. They wholeheartedly supported Herbert Hoover, the hometown candidate, in 1928. When the Great Depression hit in 1929, the Club focused on the needs of their own city by collecting, repairing and distributing used clothing and conducting food drives. A request from President Hoover to the GFWC led members to conduct a survey enumerating unemployed workers in Palo Alto. Board member Mrs. Zink organized members' support of the new shelter for unemployed, homeless men. Named "Hotel de Zink" in honor of her husband Police Chief Harold Zink, the shelter housed, fed and provided work for 50,000 men over 2 ½ years. The Club raised funds for the shelter, for needy students and for veterans, with citywide events: bridge games, flower and fashion shows, a play, an operetta, rummage sales and a cake contest. From 1932-1934, dues "were impossible to collect" and total cash assets were twenty-one cents which was \$8.65 less than in 1895.

The Club's greatest victory during the depression was the dedication in 1933 of a CFWC memorial hearthstone at Humboldt Redwoods State Park. Designed by architect Julia Morgan, the memorial sat amidst 1,000 redwoods on a 106-acre grove purchased by women's clubs throughout California. To Palo Alto clubwomen it symbolized their long involvement with trees. As early as 1897 the Club's Village Improvement Committee had planted, maintained and preserved hundreds of trees on city streets and in parks that continued through the 1950's. In an effort that spanned three counties, the Club worked with the San Jose Woman's Club, President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University and the Sempervirens Fund to establish Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Upon becoming charter members of The Save the Redwoods League in 1918, the Clubhouse hosted joint fundraising events for the League with the Scouts, the Palo Alto Civic League and local conservation groups. The Club's conservation philosophy is summed up by the inscription on Julia Morgan's hearthstone: "Would that we were great as these and men were brotherly as trees."³

1940-1964: World War II, Growth and Decline

The 1940's were memorable years for two reasons. World War II made the Clubhouse once again a center for Red Cross activities, Women's Air Corps meetings and fundraising events for war bonds, nurses' scholarships, Veteran's Administration Hospital parties and speaking engagements by United Nations directors. 1941 also saw the establishment of a Junior Club for women ages 16 to 35. The GFWC had established Junior Departments in 1932 to encourage volunteerism among younger women.

The vitality of junior members knew no bounds. Local newspapers wrote of the dances, teas, musical and dramatic presentations, talent and fashion shows and guest speakers that attracted Palo Altans and helped fund the Club's Philanthropy Committee. One such speaker was club

³ Boutelle, Sara Holmes, *Julia Morgan Architect*; New York, Abbeyville Press, 1995.

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member Kathleen Norris. A prolific writer, she produced blockbuster novels every six months for thirty years. Norris was also a nationally popular speaker on topics such as pacifism, free speech and women in politics. By hosting a talk show on San Jose radio station KEEN (1947-1992), Norris provided a forum for Woman's Club members to produce shows themselves.

Club membership grew to 350 between 1940 and 1960. There were 30 interest groups, and participation in regional, state and national projects soared. Between \$1,000 and \$3,000 annually was raised for the war effort, the Cancer and Tuberculosis funds, the March of Dimes, the Red Cross and the United Nations, as well as for local groups such as the Palo Alto Historical Association, the Veterans and Palo Alto Hospitals. Townspeople relied both on members' volunteerism and on using the Clubhouse as a gathering place. An example of the latter were the years from 1950-1960 when the Unity Palo Alto Community Church and the Palo Alto Unitarian Church met at the Clubhouse before finding permanent homes. In 1956, West Bay Opera held its first performance at the Woman's Club. Established in 1955, it is California's second oldest opera company. Nationally recognized for its artistic standards, it is a stopping ground for future world-class opera singers, directors, and designers. Its company continues to perform for Club benefits.

It took 40 years for American women to fully realize what power they had gained from suffrage. The 1960's saw women entering college and the marketplace in record numbers. These factors plus the advent of feminism and the sexual revolution caused a decline in membership in women's clubs nationwide. The Palo Alto's club was no exception. A faithful core of members continued to meet twice monthly and to attend district and state meetings, but there were few new recruits after 1964. Unlike clubs across the nation that sold their clubhouses, the Woman's Club of Palo Alto held on to the building that had played such a major role in the development of Palo Alto and the Woman's Club Movement. Today, the membership in the Woman's Club of Palo Alto is the largest in California.

Criterion C: Architecture

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

Built in 1916, the Woman's Club of Palo Alto is architecturally significant because it typifies the design of women's clubs built at the height of the Women's Club Movement in the United States. Its Craftsman/Tudor Revival style incorporates the open floor plan of a traditional Craftsman with Tudor Revival elements, an eclectic style that was popular in the early decades of the 20th century. The building retains its original architectural and design integrity. The materials and workmanship are a skillful amalgam of the Craftsman and Tudor Revival styles designed by the noted architect, Charles Edward Hodges (1866-1944). The building's design embodies distinctive characteristics of a type that served the values and functions of the Women's Club Movement providing women with a space to gather for community involvement, self-improvement and friendship. The virtually unaltered building remains in its original residential location and setting giving it a home-like feeling that blends into the residential and historic buildings of the neighborhood.

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The first meetings of the Woman's Club were held in 1894 at the old Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto. Incorporated in 1904, the Club purchased a lot for \$1,500 in 1910 and immediately began a ten-year fundraising effort for the construction of a clubhouse. Construction was completed in 1916 at a cost of \$10,590.

The Club's Building Committee chose Charles Edward Hodges as architect. Born in London, Hodges immigrated to America in 1888 and began his architectural career as a draftsman for the prestigious Boston firm of Shepley, Rutan, and Coolidge. Henry Hobson Richardson (1838-1886) was the principal of this firm until his death in 1886.

Hodges' main body of work consists of two distinct periods: **The Stanford Years: 1893- 1906** when he designed the earliest faculty housing and also supervised the construction of Stanford's major institutional buildings. During the second period, **The San Francisco Bay Area Years: 1910-1917**, Hodges opened a practice in San Francisco with W. Garden Mitchell (1862-1918).

Stanford University Years 1893-1906

In 1893, Charles Hodges was sent from the Boston office to California to serve as draftsman and "Clerk of the Works" by Charles Allerton Coolidge who had taken over Henry Hobson Richardson's commission. Leland and Jane Lathrop Stanford had originally hired Frederick Law Olmsted to plat the buildings and grounds and Richardson to design the Romanesque structures for the university that would commemorate their recently deceased child. The relationship between the Jane Stanford, Olmsted and Coolidge was severed in 1889 due to disagreement as to who would control the design. Jane Stanford, whose husband had died in 1893, took over control of the project and appointed Hodges as the University's Resident Architect, a position he held from 1899 until his resignation in 1906. Mrs. Stanford, despite financial difficulties, began constructing fourteen monumental Neo-Classical buildings on a limited budget, which necessitated economies in building. The post-1899 construction, sometimes referred to as "The Great Stone Age, lacked the broad, flaring foundations and reinforced concrete of earlier construction and, as a result, it suffered severe damage in the 1906 earthquake. Hodges, as supervising architect, felt compelled to resign. He was exonerated by a University Committee Report to the Trustees, which concluded that the structural workmanship of the damaged buildings was inferior to the pre-1889 buildings.

Hodges' Stanford years were, despite the earthquake, satisfying in that he was elected an associate to the American Institute of Architects in 1901. They were also amazingly productive years. Hodges' pre-1889 designs for and construction of Encina Hall (the men's dormitory), the Academic Quadrangle, the Chemistry Building, the Engineering Buildings and the Fire House still stand. Most significant is that, during this time, Hodges designed the majority of faculty housing on campus as well as professor's residences in Palo Alto. Both the Historic Inventories of the Stanford Historical Society and the City of Palo Alto recognize Hodges and his residences among their notable architects and buildings. Built between 1893 and 1900, the Stanford houses allowed Hodges free rein to demonstrate his architectural skills without interference from his employers. Six extant campus houses designed in the then popular styles of Queen Anne, Shingle and Neo-Classical Revival are still in use today (Dunn-Bacon House at 565 Mayfield Avenue (1899), Mariposa House at 546 Salvatierra Walk (1892), Owen House at 553 Salvatierra Walk

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(1896), Grove-Lasuen House at 572 Mayfield Avenue (1896) and the Cooksey House at 550 San Juan Hill (1900).)

Similarly, there are seven extant examples of Hodges' Palo Alto residences built between 1893 and 1905 and listed on Palo Alto's Historic Inventory. Two of them – an 1893 Eastlake at 1146 Waverly Street and a 1903 Colonial Revival at 251 Lincoln Avenue – are in the Professorville National Register of Historic Districts. The others, built between 1895 and 1905, were Eastlake, Craftsman, Colonial Revival and Tudor Revival in style. (451-453 Channing (1900), 536 Lincoln Avenue (1897), 803 Cowper Street (1901), and 469 Homer Avenue (1905).

San Francisco Bay Area Years 1910-1917:

After resigning from Stanford, Hodges traveled in Europe until 1910 when he returned to San Francisco to establish his own architectural firm with W. Garden Mitchell (1862 - 1918) a former associate of Albert Pissis (1852-1914). This second period of Hodges' work demonstrates his maturation as an architect. His practice included hotels, commercial and civic buildings and residential buildings throughout the Bay Area. Examples of his commercial work are: the Carnegie Library in San Anselmo, the Redwood City Hotel and 530 Bush Street, now the San Francisco Environmental Center. *Western Architect and Engineer* showcased the "English Domestic" residential style used in several Marin County houses: the Larne House in Grass Valley and the Scott and Moore houses in Ross.

Hodges' San Francisco Bay Area Years included commissions in Palo Alto for the 1916 Woman's Club and for two residences (a Tudor Revival at 369 Churchill Avenue and a Craftsman/Tudor Revival at 340 Coleridge Avenue). Although all of Hodges buildings are listed on the City's Historic Inventory, only the Woman's Club is categorized as "A Major Building. These buildings are meritorious works of the best architects; outstanding examples of a specific architectural style, or illustrate stylistic development of architecture"⁴ Each of his other buildings is listed as "A Contributing Building, which is a good example of an architectural style and relates to the character of a neighborhood grouping in scale, materials, proportion or other factors."⁵

In addition, the City of Palo Alto maintains a List of Noted Architects who have made outstanding contributions to the Palo Alto streetscape. Charles Edward Hodges is included among such notables as Bliss and Faville, Birge Clark, Pedro deLemos, Bernard Maybeck, Julia Morgan and Charles Sumner. Many of these architects have buildings on the National List of Historic Resources.

Hodges' skillful rendering of the Craftsman/Tudor style for the Woman's Club assured it a charming home-like quality that would blend into its residential setting. The imaginative and functional space he created for club meetings, lectures, balls, concerts and community gatherings is a prime example of women's clubs built during the peak of the Women's Club Movement. Women had long gathered in homes, churches, and halls to meet for activities ranging from

⁴Palo Alto Stanford Heritage, *Historic Inventory of Palo Alto*. www.pastheritage.org, 1995.

⁵*Ibid.*

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literature, gardening, abolition, temperance, suffragism, child labor and women's rights. Encouraged by the Progressive Era's spirit of optimism and progress, women began to commission their own buildings. Whether grand, like the Berkeley, Boston and San Francisco Women's Clubs, or more modest, like those in San Jose, Saratoga, Beverley Hills, and Los Gatos, clubs across the nation contained a common and essential design core. An entry foyer greeted visitors, an assembly room with a stage accommodated meetings, performances, dining and civic gatherings, a dining area next to the kitchen where lunches and dinners were prepared and an office for the business of the Club. The goals and values of Women's Clubs are reflected in their shared mission statements, but they are also reflected in their clubhouse design, location, setting, feeling and association. The Woman's Club of Palo Alto is architecturally significant not merely as a masterfully crafted building by a noted architect, but also because it is an example of a pattern of Women's Club architecture that reflects their functions and values across the nation.

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- ☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

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- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): 4302 0235 000
1978 survey

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 84' by 100' or 8,400 square feet

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: -122.155882

Longitude: 37.445925:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Lot 50 of Block 27 University Park Tract in Palo Alto, Santa Clara County (City of Palo Alto Assessors Map, Santa Clara County Assessor's Office, January 2014). Assessor's Parcel Number 120-16-050

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Woman's Club of Palo Alto and encompasses the entire lot.

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

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Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

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Date Photographed: January 2014

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Exterior

1. Southeast Facade Main Entrance Homer Avenue
2. Northeast Facade Cowper Street
3. Northwest Rear Facade
4. Southwest Facade

Interior

5. Ballroom Facing Southeast
6. Salt Glazed Tiled Original Fireplace
7. Advertising Fire Curtain (1926)

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